

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4, 1884.

A SAD CALAMITY AT THORNDIKE.

Burning of the No. 2 Mill, and Sudden Death of Agent Cornelius Wilson.

The saddest and most terrible affliction that has ever befallen the village of Thorndike occurred New Year's night, in the sudden and tragic death of Cornelius Wilson, agent of the Thorndike Company, of heart disease, and the partial destruction of mill No. 2 by fire. The occasion of the fire is something of a mystery. It was at first reported to have arisen from the explosion of a lamp in the attic, and afterwards from a heated bearing, both of which theories are discarded by the operatives in the section in which the fire broke out. As the signal was given at 6 p. m. for the belts to be run off, the smell of smoke led to the discovery of flames in the attic, which spread with great rapidity to every part of the oil-soaked room. The entire arrangement for extinguishing fire was at once set in operation, and worked to its greatest capacity. The headway of the flames was such that in fifteen minutes the entire roof and belfry were a solid sheet of fire. After the falling of the roof the upper story was soon ablaze, but the heat set the automatic sprinklers in motion, which quickly checked the progress of the flames. At 7 p. m. a steamer from Springfield was telephoned for, which did not arrive till nearly 9. With this assistance the fire was soon under control, but not extinguished until after midnight. The roof, attic, and upper story are entirely consumed. The second upper story is only partially injured, but as the whole is thoroughly drenched it is estimated that the loss from fire and water will not fall far short of \$100,000. The actual loss, however, will be considerably less, as the whole mill property was insured for \$200,000 in the Manufacturers' Mutual.

This factory, commonly designated by way of distinction, the "new mill," was built in 1846, and was far better equipped than most establishments of its age. The fire will throw 300 men, women, and children out of employment, most of whom are in limited circumstances. The blow will be more severely felt because of the loss of time for the past four months from want of water. In the present chaotic state of affairs it is impossible to state what changes the owners propose to make, or how long the property will remain idle.

But the injury to the mill property is the smallest fraction of loss this community is called upon to sustain, compared with the melancholy death of Mr. Wilson. For a long time he had been in rather delicate health, but when the alarm of fire was given, he naturally assumed the management of forces to put it out. He stood in the belfry fighting the fire until the burning beams began to fall about him, after which he mounted the roof of the boiler-house to check the flames from the cloth room. He had been but a short time at work here, when suddenly he loosened his grasp of the hose, staggered a few steps backward, and fell. It was at first supposed that he had only fainted, and he was immediately taken to his residence, but before he had reached it, he passed "beyond the gates."

Cornelius Wilson was born in Kennebunk, Me., in 1826. His father dying while he was quite young, he was early thrown upon his own resources. Being deprived of the ordinary means of education, he learned to appreciate and to utilize the knowledge he acquired in the school of experience. He was what we style a self-made and self-instructed man. Early in life he is said to have shown those traits of honesty, economy and frugality which were fully developed in his large sphere of labor. A considerable portion of his youth was spent in New Jersey, where he was engaged in different pursuits. The fifteen years immediately preceding his life in this village were passed in Bridgeport, Me., where he was head mechanic of the York Company. Eleven years ago he came to this community as agent of the Thorndike Co. His life here has been the life of the village during this period.

In speaking of Mr. Wilson's character it is almost impossible to indulge in extravagant terms of praise. He was a man in every sense of the word. Richly endowed with natural and acquired abilities, he was eminently fitted to direct a large business enterprise. He was a man of clear perception, sound judgment, and tenacious in carrying out his plans. He devoted his entire attention to the good of all with whom he was associated. Seldom do we see a man of his position and influence so utterly forgetful of self for the good of others. Not only was he patient, but always mild and agreeable when harassed with the perplexing cares of his business. His satisfaction in gaining a fair fortune by the strictest honesty and integrity was also an unusual sight in this money-grabbing age. No small trait of his character was his practical sagacity, as seen in his economical and successful management of a large and steadily-growing business; in the many tenements he built; in the new streets he opened; in the new branch mill he constructed; in the general improvements about the village. All of these are evidences of his business capacity. A prominent trait of character was the high and noble principle on which he based both his public and private life. He never resorted to anything base to gain the favor of the directors at the expense of the operatives. And perhaps this was his most conspicuous trait: A kindly disposition to his help, and especially the poor. The last words he is known to have uttered: "What will become of the poor?" is a living testimony of his large-heartedness. Mr. Wilson was opposed to pomp and show, hated all kinds of sham, and was hostile to every form of evil. When satisfied that any evil existed within his jurisdiction he brought to bear upon it the entire weight of his authority. Mr. Wilson was a member of some Christian church in Maine, from which he did not sever his connection upon removal to this place. He attended religious service whenever his long-continued ill-health permitted. He was also a versatile thinker, and before his duties became so arduous, wrote considerably on certain points of theology.

To say that his death is an irreparable loss to the village, but faintly indicates the gloom and anxiety into which the community is suddenly thrown. It is the prevailing opinion that, however excellent his successor, it will be many a day before the mantle of Cornelius Wilson falls on shoulders of equal worth.

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. George, the eldest, is foreman of the machine shop; E. E. Wilson, formerly overseer of the cloth-room, but now a clerk in a Hartford Insurance office, and Lizzie, wife of Lawyer H. C. Strong. The funeral services will be held at the house Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. E. A. Perry will officiate, assisted by Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Jr.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Robinson was inaugurated yesterday, and his address will repay a careful reading. The people will find in it a gratifying change from Butler's blow, bluster and insinuations. Like his speeches, the address is clear, compact, logical and sensible, given entirely to the discussion of state affairs, and with no attempt to magnify the "supreme executive magistracy," while it is not half as long as Gov. Butler's address last year. Unlike his predecessor, Gov. Robinson evidently believes that he has been raised to his high office to work for the honor and benefit of the state, and not for his own glory.

Gov. Robinson was not elected to "stir things up," and hence he has not thought it necessary to go out of his way in scolding of fancied grievances. The function of government in his opinion is clearly to procure for the people the highest degree of contentment attainable by means of laws adapted to this end. To bring about this result in Massachusetts does not require radical statutory changes. There are certain changes, however, which, if made, would in his opinion be of service to the state. For example, he is a believer in the system of biennial election. He points out that a system which has been endorsed by usage in all of the states, with the exception of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, can hardly be looked upon as antagonistic to Democratic principles. He thinks it well that our state election, which is a political election, should occur at the same time that the biennial national election takes place, as in this way a public interest is aroused, which is often found wanting in those off-canvas and election laws, which the recent canvass has revealed, and certain recommendations made, to remove them. The governor properly enlarges the state service, and yet recognizes the necessity of providing against the results of the registration and election laws, which the recent canvass has revealed, and certain recommendations made, to remove them. The governor properly enlarges the state service, and yet recognizes the necessity of providing against the results of the registration and election laws, which the recent canvass has revealed, and certain recommendations made, to remove them.

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A prominent, though not, as some would insist, a preeminent subject, is legislation on the liquor traffic. He interprets the sentiment of the state as favoring the suppression of intemperance, and is equally accurate in discerning an honest difference of opinion as to repression by statute. Unrestricted sales are not advocated by any disinterested person. Let it once be admitted that there is a conscientious disagreement respecting the permissibility of the traffic for a satisfactory settlement will be brought nearer. The popular vote on the license issue is relatively about the same for 1882 and 1883. If this fact be regarded as a sign of deterioration, the state valuation and the condition of education, as well as other considerations, show that the reputed decadence of Massachusetts is not a reality. Compared with 20 years ago the state has gained about 35 per cent in population, while the valuation of \$807,150,985 in 1862 becomes in 1883 the impressive sum of \$1,731,297,061. In education, too, progress is seen. Massachusetts has the highest rank in the enrollment and attendance. In 1880 only seven-tenths of one per cent were non-attending scholars. The whole passage in the address about our schools deserves special attention.

In the matter of divorce laws the governor makes a happy suggestion. It is useless for us to attempt to impose rigid restrictions upon those who are seeking divorce so long as the laws of the other states in the Union may be made use of to grant them the freedom they desire. Unless fraud or collusion is shown, the acts of a court exercising jurisdiction in one state are valid in all of the other states, and the freedom which is denied in Massachusetts could be obtained by its people with comparative little trouble and expense. There are two ways of remedying this admitted defect in our legislation, and the governor wisely proposes in opposition to divorce, and other to arrange for some uniformity in divorce legislation throughout the states and territories.

Gov. Robinson recommends the passage of a law compelling the employers of labor in this state to pay their operatives at the end of each week of service, instead of each month, as is now the case. The governor points out that the expense involved in this change would be slight, while the advantages resulting from it to those who are dependent upon their daily earnings would be considerable. The governor does not recommend the abolition of the board of health, lunacy and charity, and the creation of two or three boards in its stead, which has been strongly favored. He gives the board credit for its efficient service, whose worth and efforts have sought to moderate, even to deny. There are a number of other questions, such as the raising of money to meet the Hoosac tunnel debt, the enlargement of jurisdiction in certain of the courts, and the relief to be given to certain of the poorer class of bankrupts, upon which the governor gives definite opinions, and condenses into a few words not a little sound advice.

The Legislature met on Wednesday, and organized promptly and without friction. George A. Bruce was unanimously elected president of the Senate, and Speaker Marden of the House re-elected with only seven opposing votes. The clerks of both branches were unanimously re-elected, and the work of the session starts off smoothly and promisingly.

Gov. Robinson resigned his seat in Congress on Wednesday, and the resignation was promptly accepted by Governor Butler, "the reason prompting the same being so entirely satisfactory to a majority of the people of the state." The special election to fill the vacancy will be held on the 17th, and the Republican nominating convention is called at Chester next Wednesday. Hampden county is practically united upon Judge Shurtleff as its candidate, and the contest in the convention will lie between him and Mr. Rockwell of Pittsfield. If the convention unites upon Judge Shurtleff, as it is hoped it will, the district will unquestionably elect him, and will be sure of a worthy successor to Mr. Robinson.

Three bloody murders are reported from New Orleans on Christmas day. New Orleans got off easy, considering that 10,000 tin horns and fire crackers, etc., to match, were sold there for Christmas eve.

A man and woman at New Jersey, both under the influence of liquor, went to ride last Friday evening, tipped over, and being too drunk to help themselves, froze to death.

LOCAL NOTICES.

A large stock of spectacles and eye-glasses to suit all eyes can always be found at Jeweler Bort's.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

1884. Had a sleigh-ride yet? Going to keep a diary? Broke any of your new resolutions yet? A regular January thaw on Wednesday. Communion at the churches next Sunday. The schools commence again next Monday.

The roller skating rink will be open again to-morrow. Be sure and keep your street lamp lighted these dark nights.

Not a very large attendance at the Thorndike Orchestra's ball Monday night.

The supplement to the public library catalogue is on sale at the library rooms.

Mrs. W. F. French of New Haven is visiting her mother in this place for a few days.

Elder A. Morse of Union, Ct., will preach at the Advent Chapel next Sunday.

The children of St. Paul's Sunday school gave a very interesting concert last Sunday evening.

Have you caught on to a new calendar yet? If you haven't, S. S. Taft will give you one.

The noon accommodation east on the B. & A. road now leaves at 11.55, or 14 minutes later than heretofore.

The boys report splendid coasting, the rain of Wednesday freezing so as to make the hills a sheet of ice.

D. D. G. M. C. W. Motell installs the newly chosen officers of Palmer lodge, I. O. O. F., this evening.

The light of the burning mill at Thorndike Tuesday evening was plainly reflected on the church steeples in this village.

With the thermometer only 8° above zero this morning, and a smart breeze blowing, almost every one managed to keep cool.

At St. Paul's church next Sunday evening the pastor will speak upon "Some notable events of 1883 and their lessons."

The stockholders of the Palmer National Bank will hold their annual meeting next Tuesday, at 1.30 p. m., for the election of directors.

The thaw of Sunday and the rain of Wednesday made the sleighing rather poor in places, but the runners are still more frequently seen than wheels.

No freight trains were run over the New London Northern railroad on Tuesday, in order to give the brakemen and engineers a chance to go home for New Year's.

At the caucuses Monday night at the town house, S. S. Taft, H. E. W. Clark and Dwight M. Stebbins were elected delegates to the congressional convention at Chester.

James Mullen, a tramp, was this morning given his choice between six months in the house of correction and a year at the state workhouse. He concluded that a year would suit him best.

The sleighing was very good last Saturday, and a number of citizens indulged in trials of speed between their horses, the course being between Shearer's Corner and the Weeks House.

William Thompson was acquitted at Springfield last Saturday of the charge of continual violations of the liquor laws, charged by the state against him, and C. P. Stone declined equity of selling without a license, and paid \$75 and costs.

The guide posts in town are in a very poor condition. The action of the weather has very nearly obliterated the lettering on many of them, while others have been blown down or otherwise destroyed. They should be repaired and set up again at once.

The following officers have been chosen by the lodge of Odd Fellows in this place: N. G. A. A. Converse; V. G., Rev. O. R. Hunt; recording secretary, A. L. Hille; treasurer, J. H. Smith; trustees of funds, J. B. Leedham, L. K. Parkhurst and C. L. Holden.

That story, "The Bread-winners," which has attracted so much attention lately, is completed in the January number of the Century. Now that it is finished the name of the author is divulged, and proves to be Col. John Hay, and not our former townsman, F. T. Wallace, to whom it was at one time credited.

Mrs. Ellen Duncan, who has been serving a ten-years' sentence on the charge of mayhem, was pardoned on Christmas day, through the efforts of her husband and other citizens. While the little boy is getting along a great deal better than it was even hoped he ever would, there is a general feeling in the community that he should have been allowed to remain where she was.

Dear Journal!—Some of the widows of this place are mourning over the loss of another of our widowers, this being the third one who has recently gone to Wilbraham and taken to himself a wife. They would like to know what special charms the widows of that town have. Are there no widowers there? We have seventy widows here on one street. Have pity on us, oh, Wilbraham! A SYMPATHIZER.

George Tracy of Three Rivers was before the district court yesterday charged with illegal liquor selling. It seems that he has been in the habit of carrying a bottle in his pocket and retailing the liquor from it. He was fined \$50 and costs, but appealed, and in default of bail was sent up. Tracy was employed by the authorities at Springfield and Chicopee about a year ago as a spotter in working up a number of cases, but has now come to grief himself.

The marriage of Miss Lizzie Feeney to John F. Heery of Monson, took place on Tuesday morning. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and the presents were numerous and costly, prominent among them being a group of Rogers' statuary, a bronze clock, and other articles including silver ware, etc. After a bountiful repast the happy couple started on a trip to New York and Philadelphia. On their return they will take up their residence in Monson.

The emptying of coal ashes in the street is a practice which should not be allowed. The highway is not a public dumping

ground, but still there are many in the village who never deposit ashes elsewhere than in the street, not only making ugly looking piles of cinders, but spoiling the sleighing wherever it is done. In many cities and towns it is forbidden to empty them in the highway, and if some of our readers who are in the habit of doing so could hear the blessings (?) breathed upon them by sleigh-riders, we have no doubt they would at once cease doing so, as indeed they ought to.

The committee of B. & A. directors to whom the petition for an express from Springfield to Boston, leaving the former place about 9 a. m., was referred seem somewhat undecided about the matter, a part of them thinking that it would draw too much from other trains, and so not pay running expenses, while the balance favor a trial of the plan, at least. No doubt they will make up their minds to try the experiment and give our readers a chance to show by their patronage how much they appreciate it. We have no doubt it would be well patronized, as many of our citizens frequently desire to go to Springfield in the middle of the afternoon (at which time it is proposed to have the new train return) for a couple of hours, which they cannot now do, there being no train between 1.30 and 6, and the latter not giving them time enough.

A LITTLE TOWN HISTORY. "Our Club" held last Friday evening, at Rev. Mr. Perry's, a very interesting meeting. The topic for discussion was the early history of Palmer, Drs. O. P. Allen and W. H. Stowe being the principal participants. Our readers will be glad to share in the interesting items presented.

In the long ago the portion of the town lying along what is now the Quabog river was covered with the waters of a lake. The proofs of this are the general contour of the land, the terraces yet visible on the hillsides, the extensive sand-beaches, and, above all, the clay deposits. Clay can only be deposited in still water.

The town was originally settled by 80 Scotch-Irish, more properly Scotch, families, and the first frame house was erected near where the office of Dr. Wm. Holbrook now stands. The first house of all a log-house, stood near the Point of Rocks, and was occupied by a family named King.

Our town was in the forefront in preparation for the Revolutionary war. More than a year before the war broke out the town, by vote, secured a supply of powder, lead and flints.

On two occasions Washington passed through the town: neither time, however, directly through the depot village.

In 1779 the poll-tax assessed in Palmer was ten pounds, or nearly fifty dollars. Yet, as the currency was much depreciated by inflation, the real value of the tax was not greater than to-day.

LUDDOW. Alden Bros. lost one of their heavy team horses this week.

WEST WARREN. A Frenchman named Julius Roberts was struck by the fast express at a crossing near this place last Monday night and instantly killed. He had been drawing wood all day, but had delivered his last load, and was on his way home. He was about 50 years old, and leaves a wife and large family of small children.

THORNDIKE. Communion service at close of preaching service next Sunday p. m.

George D. Keith met with a severe accident Tuesday in the falling of a barrel of oil badly bruising his foot.

On and after next Sabbath the morning preaching service in the church at Four Corners will be discontinued. The Sabbath School will commence at 12 m., and the preaching service at 1 p. m.

PALMER CENTER. A number of neighbors and friends paid a visit to Horace Smith last evening. A social time was enjoyed.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hamilton visited them last Monday evening, it being the 15th anniversary of their marriage. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all, and at a late hour the company took their departure, leaving behind them a number of fine presents as tokens of their regards.

BELCHERTOWN. Deacon Abraham Weston died at his home Tuesday evening at the age of 94 years. He was born in Willington, Ct., and formerly lived in Three Rivers and South Amherst, but for the last half a century has resided in this place. For many years he has held the offices of deacon and Sunday school superintendent in the Baptist church, of which he was an honored and faithful member. He was one of the oldest citizens of the town, and will be much missed by all who knew him.

WILBRAHAM. A number of the friends of J. P. Freese gave him a surprise last Friday evening, previous to his departure from the place, the "Solemn Seven," of which he was a member, presenting him with a complete set of Dickens' works in 15 volumes.

The Farmers' club, at its last meeting, voted to invite the Hampden County Agricultural society to hold an institute in this place either the 10th or 17th of this month. John F. Russell, the secretary of the state board of agriculture, has promised to be present, and the question for discussion will be "How to make farming pay."

WARREN. Dr. I. W. Hastings left for Boston Tuesday.

Wm. Lincoln fell on the ice and dislocated his shoulder.

The rain Wednesday was very welcome, as many of the wells are dry.

P. H. Moore has opened a store in Ramsdell's block, where he keeps groceries, boots and shoes.

Rev. Mr. Forbes and wife have each received a present of \$50 from Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fairbanks of New York.

The Congregational Sabbath school was reorganized last Sabbath. Mr. Chadsey was chosen superintendent, Mr. Walker assistant superintendent; Mr. Kimball, secretary and treasurer.

BRIMFIELD. Fishermen have been busy on the Sherman pond for the past week, with the usual variety of success.

Wm. H. Sherman has sold a wood lot of about 50 acres on Chamberlain mountain to J. C. Freeman of South Warren.

Deacon N. S. Hubbard and wife left on Monday for Chicago, where they expect to remain through the winter with their son and daughter, visiting other friends in that vicinity.

The building committee for the erection of a barn on the town farm have received plans and specifications for the same, drawn by F. P. Marcy, and will receive proposals for the construction of it until noon, January 7.

There have been 12 marriages in town the past year and 26 deaths—12 males and 14 females. The number of deaths under 5 years of age were 6; between 20 and 30, 1; between 30 and 40, 40 and 50, 50 and 60, 60 and 70, 2 each; between 70 and 80, 5; between 80 and 90, 6.

WALES. The Baptist church has called Rev. H. G. Gay to its pastorate. He has accepted and moved to town with his family.

The Wales savings bank held its semi-annual meeting Wednesday, and declared its usual dividend, making four and a half per cent for the year, besides laying aside a handsome profit. The bank is steadily gaining in deposits, and is on a sound basis. The investing committee are Warren Shaw, W. Moore, C. S. Rogers and H. A. McFarland.

One of E. Shaw's double tenement houses on Dell Hill, so called, was burned last Friday about 10 o'clock a. m.: loss \$1600, insured for \$740 in Fitchburg Mutual. It was occupied by Mr. Baker, who lost considerable of his furniture by fire, water and breakage, and by a Mr. White, who was just moving in. His goods were nearly all saved. The citizens have made Mr. Baker nearly whole by subscription. The wind blew fearfully, and the cold prevented the immediate starting of force pumps and engines, and for a time it seemed that the whole hill would be cleared of its buildings, but sooner than could have been expected the engine company got a good stream playing, which was very effective. The company did excellent service, and showed conclusively the value of a good engine company in case of a fire. The town should purchase at once 300 feet of new hose. Soon after the engine got to working a good stream also was got from the force pumps at the Dell and Shaw mills, they using nearly 1300 feet of hose. The mills had recently purchased an extra lot of hose, which came just in season for the emergency.

MONSON. The boys should be very careful about coasting in the streets, not to injure any one.

At Ayres' market a 14-months' pig weighing 607 pounds is attracting considerable attention.

The great question among the boys now is: "Have you been invited to the year ball next Wednesday?"

Both straw shoes are running on full time, and the prospect of increasing business never was better.

Three months and a fine of \$100 is what Michael O'Grady got at Springfield, Monday, for illegal liquor selling.

About 30 couples attended the New Year's ball at Central hall Monday evening, dancing the old year out and the new year in.

The good sleighing through Main street brings out the fast footsteps the afternoon, and trials of speed afford diversion for a few not otherwise employed.

The leap-year ball by the young ladies, for which preparations are being made, is possibly calculated for some one to carry off the honorary degree of Bachelor of Hearts.

At Central Hall next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Hammett discourses on "The History of the Sunday School." Singing by the children. In the evening there will be a praise service with a short address on "Purpose."

The library association has opened a free reading room in the library building, which will be kept supplied with the leading daily and weekly papers, and a number of magazines. The public is cordially invited to call and use.

As the number of dwelling houses, buildings, barns and additions is being reviewed for the past year, it is found that nearly \$40,000 was laid out in new buildings, conspicuous among which is Moore Bros.' new block, costing in the vicinity of \$12,000.

The week beginning with next Sabbath will be observed as a week of prayer at the Congregational church. Meetings will be held in the chapel every evening, and perhaps in the afternoon. The people are asked to begin the new year in a serious and prayerful way. Seats free, and a cordial invitation to all.

The haying season has begun for '84; for we, like other localities, have to raise two crops a year—one for the later winter, spring and summer, and the other for fall and early winter. The former crop is being gathered from the mns, and Andrew J. Robbins has just received a carload from his son-in-law, Henry E. Wood of Pennsylvania.

Some 60 or 70 of the friends, neighbors and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Bates gave them a pleasant reminder of the fifty anniversary of their marriage last evening, presenting a nice extension table and furnishing a bountiful repast, to which they invited the host and hostess. Baked clams and good cheer, interspersed with an ample supply of cakes, goodies and toasts, were prominent features of the occasion.

One who has watched the thermometer closely sends us the following report for the past year, giving the average temperature of each month as taken at morning, noon and night every day.

Month. High. Low. Avg. Jan., 19, 26, 21 Feb., 18, 31, 24 March, 22, 24, 26 April, 20, 32, 41 May, 29, 62, 52 June, 34, 51, 65 July, 55, 51, 68 August, 57, 50, 61 September, 62, 51, 56 October, 42, 58, 44 November, 36, 48, 54 December, 24, 34, 30

Average for the year—morning 44, noon 56, evening 44, mean average for the year 47.

The coldest day was December 23, the thermometer going 20° below zero; the warmest day being July 7, when the mercury got up to 94°. In the year there were 200 clear days, or about 25 more than the average, and 80 rainy or snowy ones, about 20 less than the average. The year was an unusually cool one, the thermometer averaging 2° lower than it generally does.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Patrick Shea was arrested this morning for illegal voting at November election.

The machinery of the gun shop has been sold to parties from Norwich, Conn., and is being removed.

Edward H. Gilbert has been appointed by Gov. Robinson on his staff as assistant adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A. Vigent, who has been a contractor here for some years, but went to Gardner last spring, has failed, with liabilities at from \$1200 to \$1500.

The Christmas concert at the Methodist church, Sunday evening, was quite interesting, but on account of the bad walking was not as largely attended as usual.

Allen & Gates, dealers in fruit, confectionery and fancy goods, have failed. They have surrendered their stock of goods to Charles E. Woodward, mortgagee, and made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

Miss Isabella Shaw, one of our oldest inhabitants, who is living at present with Rev. Mr. Hoyt, was surprised on Christmas with some tokens of remembrance from her old friends. Could the donors have seen her joy and heard the expressions of gratitude, they would feel richly repaid.

The tickets for the Musical society concert were placed on sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and in an hour (or so) were sold, as was intimated last week. Mr. J. C. Bartlett has been engaged as tenor. It is well known by all who have ever heard him as one of the finest, but for our own fancy, and we believe that of many others, the performance of Walf Fries upon the violinello will be the most pleasing feature of the evening.

The officers of the Ware Division of Sons of Temperance the ensuing term are: W. P. Cyns Nickerson; W. A. D. W. Cheever; S. S. Henry Marsh; A. R. S. Josie Howe; F. S. Albert Smith; T. Mrs. Henry Marsh; C. Ellen Hathaway; P. W. P. Elbridge Hathaway; C. Charles Parker; O. S. T. T. Sherman; J. S. Wheeler Barney; O. S. Charles Clements. There has not been a meeting since their organization but that new members have been admitted.

Some one, in shooting with a revolver at the horse-sheds near the Congregational church, sent a ball through the window of the tenement occupied by Wm. F. Wilson, ruining a fine curtain and passing through a large steel engraving of "Shakespeare and his Companions," shattering the glass and spoiling the picture. The party who did the shooting is doing all in his power to repair the damage, and it is hoped this may be a warning to others not to engage in such dangerous sport in the vicinity of dwellings.

The home of Edwin E. Richardson, on High street, was the scene of a pleasant surprise on New Year's day, it being the 20th anniversary of his marriage. There were friends present from Springfield, Holyoke, Gilbertville and New Braintree. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were presented by Mr. Alfred Richardson, in behalf of the company, with a very handsome decorated China tea set and twenty silver dollars. The day was pleasantly spent, the guests, in departing, wishing the couple many more happy years of wedded life.

The dramatic entertainment which has been for some time in preparation under the direction of Wm. F. Wilson has been booked for the 22d inst., when Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merchant of Venice," will be presented, with the following cast of characters: Duke of Venice, S. W. Coe; Antonio, W. L. Davidson; Bassanio, W. S. Gates; Gratiano, A. J. Cushman; Lorenzo, O. N. Moore; Solanio, J. B. Kennedy; Salario, A. L. Campbell; Shylock (a Jew), W. F. Wilson; Launcelot, W. B. Edly; Balshazar, I. McBride; Portia, Miss Jessie Stewart; Nerissa, Miss K. S. Fairbank; Jessica, Miss C. McKinty; S. S. Bloch, professor of oratory at Dartmouth college, says Miss Jessie Stewart brings to her art rare knowledge of character. Her success has been great, and she has been received with signal favor and well-merited applause.

Some New Jersey towns have the most perfect method of dealing with tramps yet invented. When one of the fraternity puts in an appearance he is cordially received, provided with apartments for 90 days, given some leg jewelry, and politely requested to break stone for eight hours a day. The supply does not equal the demand.

A 16-years-old boy recently rode from Cohoes to Bellows Falls, Vt., a distance of 25 miles, concealed under the brake-beam of a car, because he had no money and wanted to get home. When he came from under the ear he was covered with snow and ice, and his hands were frightfully blistered.

A peddler at Keithsburg, Ill., said that there was not money enough in town to induce him to carry a loaded revolver, and pointed the one he was showing at his breast and pulled the trigger. Of course it "wasn't loaded," but the man dropped dead.

The lithographic establishment of Shober & Carquerville and C. H. McConnell were burned at Chicago Sunday night. Fourteen presses of the former firm and an unfinished contract valued at \$10,000 were destroyed. The total loss is about \$200,000.

The toy pistol is bound not to be lost sight of altogether. At New Haven, Ct., on Sunday, a boy fatally shot his little brother while fooling with one, the bullet penetrating his brain.

The sheriff and jailer at Walla Walla, W. T., were attacked in the jail last Saturday night by two condemned murderers and the jailer literally hacked to pieces.

An experiment in the shape of an evening school in the chapel for some of the convicts, is being tried at Sing Sing prison, New York.

The jury in the famous Emma Bond case at Hillsboro, Ill., have returned a verdict of not guilty.

A CARD.—Many thanks to my Palmer friends who so kindly remembered me during the holidays.

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The Pathetic Old Man.

"Pity the sorrows of a poor old man

Whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door,

Whose all of life grinds out the coarsest bread;

Whose bark of life lies stranded on the shore;

Whose path of life winds through a desert waste;

Whose cup of life is bitter to the taste.

"He has no fireless where a cheerful light

Shine on the faces of his children dear;

He has no children where his fireless light

Fills all his cottage with its gentle cheer;

He has no cottage where he lives alone,

He begs you for a rest within your own.

"He has no lamp to send a gladness home,

Out from his window as he hears his home;

He has no window whence the light may stream,

When he returns resolved no more to roam;

No nodding harvest fills his fertile field,

He has no meadow any grain to yield."

The housewife listened to the woe confessed,

And bade him for awhile forget to grieve,

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ed a matter of impossibility to reopen them

through the heavy lines of Confederates

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as, however, determined to try it, and I was

selected for the dangerous but honorable

duty of the attempt.

"We had reason to suppose that the ene-

my had not destroyed the railroad, and that

if we were not captured at the outset we

might get an engine through to Kanika

station, where Stockton lay.

"At half-past ten o'clock my orders were

given me, and I mounted the engine, which

was either to carry me to my death or save

the army. It was not a powerful machine,

but it was the best at our disposal, and in

good order, fortunately. One of our men,

who had been an engineer, undertook to

manage the engine, and another to fire it.

Both were cool, tried men, but as we stepped

into the cab together I saw them shake

hands with their comrades and bid them

farewell. Evidently neither of them expected

to get through alive.

"In a couple of extra tallow cans,

John," said the engineer, "We are going to

make time, and I expect the old machine

will heat up nicely."

"The cans were stowed away in the cab-

oose, the engineer opened the throttle-

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 11, 1884.

E. P. CHAPIN of Springfield is the coming man for the postmaster of that city, his name having been sent to the senate by the President.

The New York Central Railroad has begun cutting its competitor, the new West Shore road, by ordering a reduction of over 50 per cent freight rates to points reached by both lines. It is estimated that this will cause a loss of \$7,000,000 a year to the Central road.

CZAR ALEXANDER of Russia is reported to have had a bullet lodged in his shoulder recently, the result of three shots fired at him by a party of men who attacked him as he was returning from a hunting trip. It will not be strange if he has one lodged in his head or heart before many years.

Mrs. ELLEN C. JOHNSON of Boston, a member of the prison commission, has been appointed superintendent of the woman's prison by Gov. Robinson, in place of Miss Clara Barton, resigned. The appointment is considered an excellent one. Mrs. Johnson is possessed of qualities of mind and character which eminently fit her for the position.

SENATOR PENDLETON of Ohio is to lose his seat in the United States Senate, the Democratic members of the Ohio legislature having selected Henry B. Payne of Cleveland as his successor. Mr. Pendleton has had considerable to do with civil service reform, and that seems to have killed him. Democratic greed for office don't harmonize at all with civil service reform ideas.

The Democratic brethren had their annual Jackson banquet and celebration of the battle of New Orleans at Boston, Monday evening, some 200 being present. Speeches were made by Gov. Abbott of New Jersey, ex-Gov. Garcelon of Maine, our own ex-Gov. Butler, and others. Butler was, of course, the hero of the evening, and was loudly cheered during his speech and at the adjournment.

The Legislature has had to legalize the congressional election to be held in the 12th district next Thursday. The proceps were issued on the 2d, fifteen days before the date named for the election, but the law requires that lists of voters shall be posted at least that number of days before an election—a requirement which clearly could not be complied with throughout the state in this case. A bill has been rushed through both branches correcting Gov. Butler's blunder, and will probably be signed by Gov. Robinson to-day.

BERKSHIRE county came down to the Republican Congressional convention at Chester, Wednesday, with a very solid delegation, and made easy work of capturing the nomination for Francis W. Rockwell, of Pittsfield. The informal ballot showed 60 votes for Rockwell, 47 for Judge Shurtliff, 18 for M. B. Whitney, and 1 for C. L. Gardner of Palmer. Two more informal ballots followed, and then a formal one gave Mr. Rockwell 72 votes to 57 for Judge Shurtliff. The nomination was made unanimous, and the Rockwell men went home in a very jubilant mood. Yesterday the Democrats went to the same place and went through the form of nominating Col. A. C. Woodworth of Chicopee for the same office. We think neither party has put forward its best man, but Mr. Rockwell is very popular in Berkshire county, has ability and industry, and will doubtless make a good representative if elected. It will be very much pleasanter to see a Republican succeed Mr. Robinson at Washington than a Democrat, but the Democrats are working like beavers to carry in their candidate, and the Republicans must look sharp or their opponents will win the day.

There were completed last year in the United States nearly 6000 miles of railroad, or 4983 miles less than in 1882. Between the Hudson and Mississippi rivers the railway system has been greatly developed; in the region south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi the growth has been but little, while in the southwest there has been a large decrease. In Kansas, Nebraska and the territories, however, the increase has been great during the past three years.

The coinage at United States mints last year was almost equally divided between gold and silver—\$29,241,990 gold, and \$28,245,989.45 silver. In addition there were \$1,604,770.31 in minor coins, making the aggregate \$60,092,749.86 for the year. The coinage of silver was larger than in any fiscal year since the government was organized, while the coinage of gold was smaller than in any fiscal year since 1872.

A romance in real life comes from Minersville, Pa. A week ago a girl was shot by her lover in a fit of rage and jealousy, and was arrested for the deed. The girl, on consulting a lawyer and finding out that a wife cannot be compelled to testify against her husband, made up her mind to marry the fellow in order to save him from the trial, and on Tuesday they were made one in the court room.

Gov. Robinson was asked, a few days ago, why he did not make his son his private secretary. "Because," he answered, "I think too much of my boy to set him riding on top of a bubble. He must prepare for honorable work in life; besides, my family are not going to be fitted with offices."

A Washington D. C. negro boy of 15, whom his uncle wished the police court to commit for incorrigibility, confessed to having poisoned his aunt and mother, an attempt to cut the throat of one of his uncles children while she was asleep.

A number of the inmates of a convent at Montreal were seriously poisoned last week by eating meat pie made of meat which had been sold to them after having been condemned by the health commissioner.

Yale college has just received a gift of \$25,000 from A. E. Kent of San Francisco, a graduate of the class of '53, and who a few years ago made the college a present of \$50,000.

LOCAL NOTICES.

S. H. Hellyar & Co., are disposing of some extra good bed blankets at \$1.25 per pair. Telephone to Tupper's market for tickets to Marshall's lecture at Three Rivers Wednesday evening.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Those January hills! Roller skating rink again to-morrow. Splendid moonlight evenings this week. The gay and festive "double-rip" is abroad in the land.

Fishing through the ice has been the sport of the past week. A good deal better wheeling than sleighing, and runners are at a discount.

The widows are rather anxious to find out who their sympathizing friend can be.

The Congregational society contributed \$428 for benevolent purposes the past year.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter will preach a sermon to young ladies at the Congregational church Sunday evening.

Dr. Stone invites "Our Club" to meet with him this evening. "Goldsmith and his works" will be discussed.

The rains of Wednesday night took off a good deal of the snow and ice, and left the sleighing of an inferior quality.

The annual meeting of the corporators of the Palmer Savings Bank, for the election of trustees, will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The small boys have been having a good time "hanging on" to sleighs and sleds the past week, and few sleigh-riders escape the query of "Give me a ride, mister?"

The week of prayer has been observed this week at the Congregational church by meetings Monday, Tuesday and last evening. There will also be one this evening.

Miss Hattie Blanchard was pleasantly reminded of her birthday by a social gathering of a number of her friends at the residence of S. H. Hellyar, Wednesday evening.

There is a carpenter at work on the new depot who seldom or never wears any head covering while at his work, although he has been employed all through the coldest weather.

The thermometer took another step downward the first of the week, ranging from 15° to 20° below on Sunday morning, and in the neighborhood of 10° below on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

The man who sprinkled his sidewalk liberally with ashes Wednesday morning was much thought of by pedestrians, while he who neglected to do so was also thought much of, but in connection with an entirely different place.

The business at the Mansion House is rapidly increasing under the new management, and Landlord Smith has every reason to feel encouraged in his efforts to please the public. The name of the house is soon to be changed to the Converse House.

Col. J. B. Clough of Minneapolis, Minn., who for several years past has held a responsible position as engineer in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, is visiting his brother, John Clough, at Three Rivers, and other friends in the East.

Senator Sessions is chairman of the senate committee on towns, and is also on the taxation and agricultural committees. Representative Smith of this town is on the committee on labor, and Representative Cutler of Brimfield is given a place on the public health committee.

A workman in F. M. Eager's shoe shop, and who sleeps in the building, thought to warm his bed, the other night, by taking some hot bricks to bed with him. He got them rather too hot, for they set his bed afire, and he dumped the blazing mass out of the window into the snow.

Our citizens will no doubt be pleased to learn that there is every reason to expect that the new forenoon express talked of between Springfield and Boston, will be put on at least as an experiment, in about two months. That it will be well enough patronized to warrant its continuance, we have not the least doubt.

The first farmers' institute of the season will be held at the Weeks House next Tuesday. The forenoon session will commence at 10 o'clock, and the question for discussion will be: "What are the best methods of improving our pasture and mowing lands?" Dinner will be served by Landlord Weeks at 25 cents per plate.

The call for materials and information for a town history is one that our citizens should give special heed to. We have no history of the town, and doubtless many of our older residents have in their possession facts which would add greatly to the interest of such a work. Let each do what he or she can, and we shall have a history which will be a credit to the town.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Wednesday evening, and S. H. Hellyar elected clerk, S. W. Lawrence treasurer, O. P. Allen treasurer of benevolences, J. B. Shaw auditor, and O. P. Allen superintendent of the Sunday school. There are at present 171 members. During the past year, fourteen have been admitted and nine dismissed.

Ice is reported to be from 10 inches to a foot in thickness, and of very good quality, and a number of our citizens have their ice houses filled or nearly so. H. A. Northrop has not yet commenced to fill his houses at Three Rivers and Tenneyville. He had his ice all plowed at Three Rivers, and was ready to cut, when the rain of Tuesday night prevented his doing so, and will necessitate the re-marking of the whole lot.

The rain of Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning covered everything with a smooth coating of thin ice, making the sidewalks exceedingly treacherous and walking quite dangerous at times. Many pedestrians received an onslaught for introduction to Mother Earth, and many were the bruises and bumps resulting from falls in the earlier portion of the day. One man is reported to have fallen down four times in as many half minutes in attempting to get up the slight grade from Flynn's office to the hay scales, from the detriment of a fine suit of clothes.

The stockholders of the Palmer National Bank elected the following board of di-

rectors at their annual meeting on Tuesday: A. H. Willis, J. B. Shaw, R. L. Goddard, J. N. Lacey, S. W. French, E. Fairbanks, L. E. Moore, C. B. Fisk and J. F. Holbrook.

The directors subsequently organized by choosing A. H. Willis president, L. E. Moore vice-president, and C. B. Fisk clerk. Mr. Willis having entered into business in Boston, as a member of the firm of Keating, Thompson & Withers, wholesale clothiers, will not take an active part in the affairs of the bank, but Mr. Moore, the new vice-president, and the efficient treasurer of the Palmer Savings Bank, will assist in the national bank work.

The Betts Ready-made Wire Fencing Co. is the name of a new manufacturing firm recently formed by some of our local business men. They propose to start a manufactory of the fence in this place, and have rented Goddard's lat shop, where they will put in machinery made expressly for the purpose. The fence consists of wood pickets stapled to wires, and is a very neat and durable structure, fulfilling all the requirements of the law, and being considerably cheaper than barbed wire. The capacity of the works will be 300 rods a day at first, with an increase should business demand it. As this fence is undoubtedly the cheapest and most durable fence a farmer can put up, there is every prospect that the company will do a good business. Besides farm fencing there are styles for the lawn and garden which are very neat, and will be an ornament wherever they are used.

An increased interest has lately been manifested in the subject of Palmer history. At present it is proposed to gather the materials as much as possible to make up a history of the town, when such a work can be completed and the proper person found to put the materials together. In order, then, to advance the work, and render it as complete as possible, it is earnestly hoped that all persons in town who may have in their possession any old papers or reliable information relating in any way to the early history of the town will kindly hand in such matter to the subscriber. If any one has anything worthy of note that has not been published, and will call on me, I shall be pleased to take notes of the same at any time. If all will take the subject in hand, we shall be able to produce a history of the town worthy of the name. Any papers given into my charge will be carefully kept and preserved for the donors.

O. P. ALLEN, Chairman Com. on Town History.

BELCHERTOWN.
G. L. Kent is soon to close up his meat market.

Clinton Randall has returned to this place, after having been in business at Minneapolis, for the past 18 months.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.
Mr. L. Ives Wallace has come to his home in Holland for a few days to recruit up. The recent rains furnish plenty of water to run the mills, and the back water is somewhat troublesome.

On account of the sharp weather, the much-wished-for supply of water from the new springs is indefinitely postponed.

A. L. Bell, another of the Salem Seven, acted as best man to the groom at the marriage of his cousin, Minnie Wyman, at Lancaster Thursday afternoon.

LUDLOW.
The Methodist and Congregationalists have united in observing the week of prayer, by holding union meetings each evening or afternoon through the week.

A little fellow in one of the schools the other day was told by his teacher to stand out on the floor, for a punishment. At a suitable time she told him to take his seat and try and set an example worthy of imitation for the older ones, and the little fellow took his seat and pencil and commenced giving them an example in arithmetic.

WILBRAHAM.
The Farmers' club holds its annual meeting next Monday evening with J. C. Moody. The semi-annual meeting of the Quadrangle for the election of officers was held at Miss Clara Markham's last evening.

The week of prayer has been observed the past week at the Congregationalist church afternoon and evenings, alternately. About 100 of the friends of Ella and Julia Green made them a surprise visit last Friday evening, and enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The secretary of the state board of agriculture has set the time of his visit to the farmers' club of this place for Tuesday, the 22d, and the institute will be held in the chapel of the Methodist church.

WARREN.
The high school is to have but one session this term, commencing at 8.30 a. m. and closing at 1.30 p. m.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians hold a fair at the town hall three evenings next week, commencing Wednesday evening.

Mr. Spooner, who recently bought out Mr. Watrous in the stove and tin business, has bought out John Sibley at West Warren, and will run two shops.

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MONSON.
How does it seem, boys, not to have to foot the bills at a dance.

The number of deaths the past year was 62; marriages 23; births 67.

Flynt & Co. have improved the good sleighing by hauling granite for the town hall.

One of the delegates to the Chester convention says if it don't rock well it may demonstrate wood worth.

In Central Hall, next Sunday evening, there will be a praise service, with a short address on "Books and Readers."

G. H. Newton visits Brimfield on Thursday evening next with his "Whales and Whaling," under the auspices of the high school lyceum association.

There was a very large attendance at the auction sale of the personal property of the late Daniel Foskitt, on Thursday, and the property sold at good prices.

We are real sorry for the fellow whose lady could not take him to the leap year ball Wednesday evening, because she was taken with the mumps a day or two before.

The customary notices forbidding coasting are posted, and by the customary trotting of fast horses through Main street the public get posted on the relative merits of the steeds.

The pastor of the Congregational church preached a New Year's sermon last Sabbath giving the text, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough, turn ye northward." It was for a new departure for the New Year. He also spoke of the prosperity of the church during the year: 200 families; 300 in the Sabbath school; \$147 expended this year for improvements in the Sunday school library; 266 members of the church; 45 added within three years; benevolent contributions for the last year \$1740; 300 religious services held this year; 350 calls made. This church is growing in a quiet and healthful way. Meetings of the week of prayer have been large and interesting.

The leap year ball given by the young ladies at Central Hall Wednesday evening was a grand success, 75 couples attending, and enjoying a splendid time until half-past two. As the appointed time drew near the young ladies were seen on the way for the gentleman whom they had favored with an invitation, some even indulging in the luxury of teams to take them to the hall. Once there the ladies took the management into their own hands, and everything passed off in the best of shape. If they felt any awkwardness in their new positions as floor managers, it certainly was not noticeable, as the floor was never better looked after, and those who had the affair in charge may well be proud of the success of their efforts.

THREE RIVERS.
The mills at Thorndike are temporarily in charge of R. C. Newell of this place.

Wm. I. Marshall will give his illustrated lecture on the Yosemite Valley and the big trees of California in the vestry of the Baptist church next Wednesday evening at 7.15. Mr. Marshall comes highly spoken of, and as the views, which were taken expressly for him, are shown with the stereoscope, the entertainment will no doubt be entertaining and instructive to all.

The Y. M. C. A. are now using the room in the rear of O. L. Teague's barber shop, in the Shumway building, for a reading room, where the leading New York, Boston and Springfield dailies and some of the best weeklies, together with a number of periodicals, are kept constantly on file. The room is at present in the care of Mr. Teague, and is open every evening (except Sunday) from 7 till 9. All are welcome to its use.

The annual meeting of the Union Evangelical church was held Tuesday evening. The officers for 1884 are: Clerk, O. M. Billings; treas., G. C. Buell; deacon, two years, O. B. Sikes; standing committee, J. I. Milliken, J. H. Thayer, M. A. Foote, D. Milliken, together with the deacons and clerk of the church. The supply of the pulpit was left with the standing committee. The appropriations are the same as last year, excepting the pastor's salary, the amount of which will be decided when a pastor is called. Rev. Mr. Atkins, pastor of the M. E. church at Four Corners, will preach next Sunday morning.

D. G. W. P. F. A. Packard of Bondville installed the new officers of Good Cheer division Sons of Temperance last Monday evening. The installation was public, and was witnessed by quite a number of persons who are not members of the order. The officers are: W. P. A. A. Warriner; W. A. Miss Ada M. Paine; R. S. Fred. Warriner; A. R. S. Miss Nettie Olds; F. S. Miss Jennie Churchill; treas., Jerry Horan; chap., Rev. Mr. Joy; C. W. H. Thayer; A. C. Miss Lizzie S. Paine; I. S. Chas. Grout; O. S. Anthony Warriner.

The division will hold a public meeting next Sunday evening, to which all are cordially invited. There are about 120 members, most of whom are active in the temperance work.

Although there was but very little building during the past year in this village, perhaps the general appearance of the place has changed and improved as much in the year just ended as in any year since the building of the mill. Among the changes which are marked improvements we notice the re-laying and straightening of Main and School streets by the county commissioners; the moving away of the two old buildings that for years have been attached to the Otis company's office building; the much-needed overhauling and remodeling of the office building, both inside and out, whereby it is not only made convenient, but very much more sightly; the remodeling and renovating of the post office building, the interior arrangement of which is far better than ever before. Yet there are many things which ought to be done in the near future, among which we would mention the straightening of the bridges over the Chicopee and Quabog rivers, in order that they may be in line with the streets; and not least among the improvements which hope to we see during

the present year is a new depot on the New London Northern Railroad, in place of the old shell which has done service as a depot for so many years, but which ought now to be replaced by something better.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The ice crop has been harvested this week.

Charles S. Robinson has taken the position of bookkeeper and salesman with J. B. Green.

The subject of the sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday evening is, "What is True Religion?"

J. B. Sibley of West Warren is putting a stock of hardware in one-half of the lower floors of F. T. Clark's store.

H. G. Spooner & Son have opened undertaking rooms, with samples of coffins and caskets, in the room recently occupied by the Ware lyceum.

Nineteen of the congregation of the East Congregational church have died within the past year. Nine of these were of an average age of 80 years.

Messrs. Elijah Hathaway, E. G. Cummings, William Bonney and Cephas Strickland stepped upon the scales this week and tipped the beam at 1007 pounds.

The Ware Cadet band are to give monthly musical entertainments to invited guests at St. Jean Baptist hall, the first to be given Wednesday evening, Jan. 30th.

One of our business men who has been in business here for some years, made his first visit to Boston this week, having never seen salt water before in his life.

The first social assembly of the young men was held at Music Hall, Tuesday evening. It was to have been held last week but the hall was previously engaged.

Pastor Jenn Syrett will lecture in the vestry of the Unitarian church in French, next Monday evening. Subject: "The True Purgatory." All are invited and welcome. Admission free.

Another cold wave the first of the week. Mercury reported from 10° to 25° below zero Sunday morning, and from 2 to 8 below on Monday and Tuesday mornings, in different localities about the village.

Meetings have been held at the Congregational chapel every evening this week except Thursday and Saturday, it being the week of prayer. On Thursday afternoon the annual meeting of the church was held.

It is reported that Mr. Gray, who owns the lot corner of Water street and Neumaceek square, where Marsh Brothers' tin shop now is, will next season build a fine two-story block, with a basement, on the corner.

Dr. O. W. Roberts returned from New York Thursday, where he has been the past seven weeks attending a course in the New York Polytechnic, the finest graduate school in America. The doctor's many friends will be glad to see him back again.

The Sunday school board of the M. E. church has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, David L. Baldwin; assistant superintendent, O. C. Stetson; secretary and treasurer, T. Winslow; librarian, Miss Lawrence; assistant librarian, Arthur Campbell; chorister, Miss Waterman.

The "Ware Illustrated" was much better received than we anticipated, and the entire edition of five hundred copies was disposed of before the middle of the week. There has been considerable call for a second edition, which we are prepared to issue provided one hundred copies are subscribed for in advance.

Elmer L. Barnes and wife, living in the west part of Hardwick, were given a surprise party Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, it being their 20th wedding anniversary. Numerous valuable presents were left as reminders of the pleasant occasion. There were about sixty friends present from Ware and adjoining towns.

Levi W. Robinson is in town, where he will remain a few weeks, when he expects to return to Say City, Ia., where he has been secretary and treasurer of a new line of railway, in company with Geo. R. Davis, formerly of this town, who is president of the road. H. C. Davis is also there acting as manager and legal adviser.

At the annual meeting of the East Congregational church on Thursday afternoon, George E. Hall was elected deacon for three years, to take the place of William Hyde, who positively declined to serve another term. A vote of thanks was passed to Deacon Hyde for his valuable services as deacon for the past 47 years. Nelson Dwight, Silas Spooner and William Hyde were added to the church committee.

The correspondent of the Springfield Union has recently published severe accounts of drunken rows, and it would seem that he is favorably situated to obtain such news, or what we believe more probable, is that he is trying to make capital against the present board of officials by magnifying such affairs to a greater extent than the facts would warrant. We do not wonder he wishes his name to be unknown, and thus far we have respected this wish.

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

The sixth grand concert of the Ware Musical society, under the direction of E. N. Anderson, given last evening, was in every way a success. Music hall was packed to its utmost capacity by a highly appreciative audience. The programme opened with Soderman's "Peasant's Wedding March," which was finely given by the chorus of 75 voices. Following this came the selection from Bocherini for the favorite of all, Mr. Fries, and on receiving an enthusiastic encore, he gave a Gavotte of Poper's. Miss Abbot's modest appearance at once won the hearts of the audience, and in her first selection, "O Had I Jubal's Lyre," she made a decided success, giving the song with a skill that showed the possession of a thoroughly cultivated voice.

Mr. Bartlett's Serenade of Gregh was beautifully rendered and won a tremendous applause. The part songs of Mr. Anderson, by the chorus, were finely rendered, the last, "Morning Wanderers," being especially pleasing. The duet, "Edenland," seemed to be rendered faultlessly, and its beauties fully brought out by the two artists. The faithful work of Mr. Kench as soloist and accompanist was a great addition to the programme. The "Angels' Serenade," by Braza, was well rendered in Italian by Miss Abbot, but no doubt the audience would have enjoyed the English version better. The chorus here turned in a bit of nonsense in the shape of the old nursery rhyme, "Little Jack Hammer." Mr. Bartlett's second selection was the old time song, "Thou art so near and yet so far." In the air from Martha, Mr. Fries again made a great success, and gave as an encore a Tarantella of Poper's, which is extremely difficult to perform, but was rendered by this great artist as easily as though it had been played upon a violin. The closing selection was Gonnod's Gallia, which, although a grand work, proved too heavy for the audience, but was, perhaps, a fitting close for one of the best concerts ever given by the society.

It seems that President Bruce of the Massachusetts Senate and Speaker Marden of the House were both born in the same village in the same year. They began their education in the same old school house, and drove cows to the same pasture. They were in the same class in the same academy, and entered Dartmouth College the same day, being examined at the same time by the same professors. Judge Field of the supreme court being one of the instructors designated to discover how little they knew of mathematics. They roomed and boarded together all through their four years in college, joined the same societies, and both enlisted in the army soon after graduating. After the war both went to Boston the same year, and boarded and roomed at the same place as long as they remained in the city. Finally, their front names and middle initials are the same, "George A."

New York city is at last taking the right course with her policemen. About the only men in New York who have been safe were those on the police force, and they were allowed to club and abuse the unfortunate who fell into their hands about as much as they pleased. Only a few weeks ago one was convicted of manslaughter, and last Friday, another, George Smith, was committed to the Tombs without bail, on a charge of manslaughter, to await the action of the grand jury. The officer on duty killed his man on Christmas, first knocking him down with a club and then putting a bullet through him. If the sentence of Conway, who is to be hanged next month, is carried out, and Smith dealt with as he deserves, no doubt the citizens will feel as if they might at last venture out without danger of being pounded by those hired to protect them.

An account of the shooting of informer Carey by Patrick O'Donnell has been published. It is written by a man who received it from O'Donnell under the promise that it should not be revealed as long as there was a chance to save his life. It shows that O'Donnell was a member of no secret society, and did not know Carey on the voyage from England to the Cape, but recognized him from a wood cut which he saw at Cape Town, and resolved to kill him. This sets aside the theory that the shooting was done in self-defense, and makes it a wilful murder, for which he was justly punished.

A company of capitalists are endeavoring to recover some of the treasure supposed to have been on board the British frigate Hissar when she went down in the East river, New York, in 1780. The amount is thought to be nearly \$1,000,000, and the company agrees to give the United States government 10 per cent of what is recovered. As it has been in the water more than 100 years, there would seem but a small chance of getting any of it.

A terrible catastrophe occurred at Belleville, Ill., Sunday morning. The convent of the Immaculate Conception caught fire from a furnace pipe, and was completely destroyed. The convent contained 12 nuns and 60 pupils, and of this number five nuns and 22 pupils perished in the flames or were killed by jumping from windows, the doors of the dormitory being locked, rendering escape through the building impossible. The property loss was about \$75,000.

A horrible scene was enacted at Baton Rouge, La., last Friday. At the hanging of a negro, the prisoner refused to remain on the trap, and followed the sheriff from the platform. When taken back he grasped the rope about his neck with both hands, and displayed so much strength that the bystanders were called upon to assist in binding him, and he finally had to be thrown from the trap.

Those of our readers who want to take a live daily paper will do well to read the prospectus of the Springfield Union. The Union is now in its 21st year, and was never as good a paper as at present. Its news columns are always full and interesting; its editorial department is able, bright and instructive, and as a whole it is an excellent newspaper for the family.

The head cook of the Auburn house, at Joliet, Ill., was attacked in her room a few days ago, by a young man and her throat cut in a horrible manner. She has almost fully recovered, however, and now wants to marry the man who so nearly ended her life.

An eight-years-old boy at South Wolfboro, N. H., got caught and drawn into the plecter of a blanket factory the other day, and was completely torn to pieces, parts of his body being scattered all about the room.

Arrangements are being made by Secretary Chandler for the reception of the bodies of the Arctic explorers, De Long and comrades, which are expected to reach New York about the middle of February.

Isaac Seely, a native and prominent citizen of Great Barrington, died Sunday night, at the age of 79. He had been registered of deeds for 38 years, and town clerk of Great Barrington for 35 years.

A Frenchman at Paris recently committed suicide by placing an iron tube, filled with some explosive material, around his neck and then igniting it. A novel and very effective experiment.

Dr. Edward Lasker, the eminent German agrilogist and national politician, died suddenly of heart disease at New York last Saturday morning. He was to have sailed for home on the 26th.

A Baltimore, Md., policeman became dazed with the extreme cold of Saturday night, wandered from his beat, and walking a wharf was drowned.

Railroad passengers in Massachusetts enjoyed a remarkable immunity from accidents last year, not one being killed while riding in a passenger car, except from his own fault. Fourteen were killed by their own fault, and one was killed upon a freight train. There were over 61,000,000 passengers carried an average distance of 15 miles. There were 61 passengers injured. The number of employees killed were 62; injured, 203.

The storm of Tuesday night did a good deal of damage in New England, but mostly in Maine and northern Vermont and New Hampshire. In the latter states barns and houses were unroofed, chimneys blown down, and trees and windows broken by the wind. Much damage was also done along the water front at New London, Ct., and on the coast of Long Island and New Jersey.

A well-dressed, good-looking young fellow who has been preaching eloquent sermons at Sugar Grove, Pa., for some time past, and under whose leadership the church was growing rapidly, has departed, and it is discovered that he was a noted confidence man.

There is confident talk in St. Louis about using fire-brick for paving. It costs less than half as much as granite, and gives horses a better foothold, makes a smooth and comparatively still street and is thought to be fully as durable as the stone.

The special car containing the Yale Glee club, while standing on the track at Charlestown, Ind., last Saturday night, was run into by an express train, and all the students more or less injured, two of them being seriously hurt.

The signal officers on Mt. Washington have only a fortnightly mail. They go down after it upon boards that run on the railroad track at the rate of a mile a minute, and they climb back on snowshoes.

The Springfield bicycle club is to send a petition to the League of American Wheelmen demanding the impeachment of Secretary Jenkins, on the charge of unbecomingly and publicly slandering the club.

A muskrat came out of the river at Fitchburg, the other day, and seated himself in the sun, where he froze to the ice and was held a close prisoner till a boy dispatched him with a club.

Three members of the Bridgeport salvation army were fined on Tuesday for parading the streets in violation of a city ordinance. They appealed, however, to the higher court.

The body of a woman was found frozen in a stream at Elmira, N. Y., on Sunday. No one knows her, and none of her clothing is marked so as to enable her to be identified.

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From sea to sea
Shall His dominion be.
According to the promise written;
And He in scorn and insult smitten
Shall hear the welcome salutations
Of long-oppressed and weary nations;
And He shall rule
Star-crowned and beautiful.
He shall come down,
As on the grass new-mown
The rain descendeth from the spaces,
Renewing all earth's tribes and races
With His sweet life of love and beauty
Through faith in Him and deeds of duty;
And thus shall He
Hold sway from sea to sea.
And He shall live;
And men to Him shall give
Their treasures as they tell the story
Of His renown and rising glory;
And it shall be a rich oblation
To Him the Lord of our salvation,
Who from His path
Went up benevolently to reign.
He shall not fail;
His kingdom shall prevail;
His armies come with royal banners,
Oppressing all the world's iniquities;
His chariot is onward speeding,
The cry of all His poor ones heeding;
Great Prince, ride on,
Till thou all lands hast won!
—Dwight Williams.

A YOUNG WIFE'S GRIEVANCES.

Slowly Alice Austin came back from the garden gate, where she had just parted with her young husband. The June sunshine was as golden as when they had left the door arm in arm; the roses glowed as brightly upon the trellis over the gate; the birds sang as blithely among the apple blossoms; but her face wore a shadow that it had not carried when she left the sunny breakfast room, and her eyes had not a glance for bird or bloom.

Entering the house, she went to the bay-window overlooking the pretty garden and stood looking idly out a few moments; then taking up a pair of scissors, began impatiently to clip the dead leaves and blossoms from the plants growing in the window.

All this was observed by quiet Aunt Ruth sitting by the opposite window, who finally said, in her soft voice:

"Alice, I think I hear baby Bess calling."

"Oh, yes, I suppose so," answered Alice. "I never get a moment for myself! I don't see why she can't sleep this morning; I wanted to do a little writing in time for the morning post. But I suppose I must give it up, as I have everything else. Now there is Mrs. Marston—she never sees her baby until he is all washed and dressed and brought in by the nurse in the morning, and has never to be kept awake nights or deprived of any pleasure days by the care of him. She always keeps a nurse for him, and only has him with herself when she feels like it; but I am just tied to my baby day and night!"

"Why, Alice?" said Aunt Ruth, surprised at this outburst. "I'm sure you have the best little blessing of a baby that ever lived. She is as good as gold, the darling!" And she arose and went into the next room, from which she presently returned with a plump baby, seven or eight months old, who looked at her mother with placid violet eyes and contentedly sucked her dimpled thumb.

"There, now!" said Aunt Ruth, as she tumbled and rolled the laughing infant in its mother's lap. "Look at this blossom of a baby, and then talk to me of Mrs. Marston's poor little starveling! I feel as if I should cry every time I see that child! Turned out, starved on a bottle, cared for or neglected, nobody knows which, by a hired nurse! Why, it may just as well be in a foundling hospital and be done with it. What the good Lord permits some folks to have children for I'm sure I don't see, nor what some mother's hearts are made of!" With vigorous remarks Aunt Ruth subsided into her chair again, and began to count the stitches in the little wool shoe she destined to cover the fat foot of baby Bess.

"Well, auntie, I didn't mean that I don't love my baby," said Alice, with a more cheerful face, "nor that I don't like to care for her. But then, you know there are times when the best of mothers get weary, and the best of babies a little exacting. And sometimes, when I think of Jennie Marston, with nothing to do but to enjoy herself, and see her baby so beautifully dressed out with its nurse in its costly carriage, I'm afraid I feel a little envious, especially, Aunt Ruth, as I don't see why I should not be able to have as much as she; for we were married at about the same time, and everybody said that Edward and John Marston, in means and business positions, were equal. But now, at the end of three years, we are living just as when we commenced our married life, while they have moved into a fine house, and she has—well, you have been there, auntie, and you know how her house is furnished, and she seems to have no more household care than if she were boarding, and does very little of her sewing, either."

"And so, I suppose, she is a great deal happier than you are, isn't she?" inquired Aunt Ruth.

"Oh, I don't mean that," said Alice; "that couldn't be very well. No," she continued, thoughtfully, "she does not seem very happy, with all her luxuries. You know she looks fretted almost always, and it is said that her husband is not very devoted to his home. Some say he drinks heavily. I'm sure I don't know about that; I seldom see him when we go there, but I think he seems morose and unsocial."

"Is that what you envy her? Or is it her puny baby or her idleness?" quietly queried Aunt Ruth.

"Oh, no, no, no!" laughed Alice, now her merry self again. "I don't suppose I really envy her at all. But I'll confess the whole truth, auntie. I've been feeling rather shabby for quite a while in house and dress, and this morning I asked Edward to let me refurnish the parlor and take the present furniture for other rooms; he looked sober and said he was afraid not; he would think

of it, and somehow it disappointed me. I thought we could afford it as well as our neighbors can afford their luxuries, or I wouldn't have asked it."

Aunt Ruth's keen eye ran over the pretty room and glanced through the open door into the parlors beyond. They were not expensively furnished, and yet Aunt Ruth thought she had never seen rooms more tasteful or attractive.

"Yes, I know, auntie," said Alice, answering the look, "our rooms are cosy, and usually I feel quite satisfied with them. But—" Here she paused a moment, and then, with a blush and a half shy look at Aunt Ruth, she continued: "Well, I will just tell the truth to you, auntie. I'm afraid I see too often with other people's eyes. Usually my little home, with its sunny rooms and neat surroundings, looks pleasant and pretty to me, and I feel as content as a bird in its nest; but as soon as Mrs. DeLong or Mrs. Harland, or any of our wealthy friends come in, at once begin to contrast my home with theirs, and see how cheap and shabby it must look to them, just coming from their elegant surroundings, until I feel as inferior as my home looks. I suppose it seems silly to you, Aunt Ruth, but it is true."

Here she paused a moment, but as Aunt Ruth only looked at her as if she expected her to go on, she continued:

"And when Jennie Marston comes here, with her baby all dressed in lace and embroidery, looking so white and dainty, like a lily, and Jennie looks around with a grand, languid air she has, as if she pined for having to look after her own home and baby, it makes me feel as if I wouldn't do it another day; and yet I am angry with myself for letting her make me feel so. The other day, when she was in and Bess was sleepy and fretted a little as I held her, she said:

"Dear me? what a slave you make of yourself to your baby, don't you, Alice? I'm sure I couldn't stand it. Why don't you get a nurse girl? It would save you a world of worry."

"Save worry?" interjected Aunt Ruth. "I should worry myself to death if you had one. Only the other day I saw Mrs. Marston's nurse out with the baby in its carriage, and she was talking and laughing with a bold-looking fellow at her side, pushing the carriage along without looking, when baby's long dress got caught in some way, and the next moment he was dragged forward over the side and would have had his head dashed against the stone pavement if I had not sprang forward and caught him. The girl was very much frightened, and begged me so earnestly not to tell Mrs. Marston that I promised not to mention it if she would be more careful in the future. But I tell you, Alice, I don't believe in the whole nurse-girl system; I've seen too much of it. It's unnatural and unmerciful. Why, mothers act now-a-days as if they were ashamed of their children, instead of being proud of them and esteeming them as the best gifts of God?"

"Neither do I believe in the common practice of giving a girl, or even a woman, entire charge of a child," replied Alice, "but only as a relief to mothers at times."

"That may do," said Aunt Ruth, "if they can be trusted; but how is one to know? A lady friend of mine had a nurse girl for her baby—a sickly little thing that couldn't hold its head up alone—and she was never done telling what a jewel that girl was; kind to baby, so devoted, so willing, and loved baby so much! And she paid her extra wages for her services. One day I went in there and found my friend was out, but was told that she would soon return, so I waited for her. In the back parlor the baby fretted and moaned in the arms of the nurse. This lasted some time, when I heard it make a peculiar sound or two and stop crying. I leaned forward in my chair and looked through the folding doors. There sat the nurse girl, with set teeth, shaking that poor, feeble little baby until it lay back hushed and gasping, too weak and breathless to cry, while its little brother, four years old, stood by with a frightened look, but not saying a word."

"For a moment I was speechless and bewildered. Then I called in a quiet voice, 'Freddie, come here and see me a little while, until mamma comes.' He came to my side, and going to the farther side of the room, where the nurse could see but not hear me, I took him upon my lap and said, in a low voice: 'Freddie, does Annie often treat baby like that?'

"'So I did,' he answered, 'but I thought it over and concluded that you deserved to have your wishes gratified. You are not a very extravagant little woman!'

"But how do you manage to have the money to spare to-night when you did not have it this morning?" persisted Alice.

"Well, Madam Curiosity," laughed Edward, "I have been plotting a little extension of my business, and had laid by a little sum for that purpose. But I have made up my mind to wait another year instead of making you wait. Now are you satisfied with my account?"

"Have you made any change in your arrangements to-day?" asked Alice.

"Oh! I told Harland that I must decline his offer, that's all!" replied her husband.

"Well, then, to-morrow you can tell him that you accept it," said Alice.

"What's the matter?" cried Edward to surprise. "Do you think I'm not willing to do what you ask? It is all right, my darling, and the money is as free to you as water!"

"I know it, Edward," replied Alice, "but I've changed my mind; that is woman's privilege, you know. I'm not going to have the worry of tearing everything up in our home again this spring, now that it is all settled for the summer, so you can use your money as you intended, and I'll take it—with interest, remember, sir—by and by."

"Thank you, my good little wife! You shall have your interest, and it shall be compounded interest, too, as your reward."

A few nights after, Edward came home with a troubled face. "What is it, Edward?" cried Alice, quick to read his every look.

"I have dreadful news for you," he answered. "A terrible thing that has happened. It became known to-day that John Marston was ruined. He has lost every

thing their young children to the care of evil or careless nurses. One lady that I know has a beautiful little daughter who will be a cripple for life because of a fall from the arms of a careless nurse. Another was scalded in a bath until it died. But, my dear, I did not mean to relate a chapter of horrors to you; I only wanted to impress it upon you that it should be the pleasure, as it is the duty, of every healthy mother to look after the safety and welfare of her children with her own eyes, and give them freely of her love and care."

"I have loved you the more dearly for the devotion you have manifested toward your husband and child. I'm afraid you will think me a prosy old thing, but I mean to have my talk out while the spirit moves me." You were speaking of seeing with other people's eyes. Now let me tell you what other people's eyes see! You know Edward was like my own son, and it was not strange that I should feel a keen interest in his choice of a wife. So it was with a mixture of hope and fear that I left my distant home for my visit to you. Of course I knew something of his circumstances. I had helped him start in business, and he had been like a good son in keeping me in his new life. But I wondered how his new wife would turn the tide of his future. I knew Edward was a young man of good judgment, but love, you know, is blind, and I did not know what folly the little girl might have led him into. So I kept questioning all along my journey whether I should find you idle and fine and extravagant, spending as fast as your husband can earn, or whether you would be a good, loyal little partner in the business that would one day make you independent."

"You didn't know you stood under the eyes of a grim old critic that day, little Alice, when you came out to welcome the old mother-in-law! But I took you all in, husband, wife, baby, and home, and had my verdict all ready in fifteen minutes. I said to myself, 'The heart of her husband may safely trust in her!' and, my dear, I have seen no reason to change my mind during my three months' visit in your home."

"What! not after all I have told you this morning?" asked Alice, laughing as she kissed Aunt Ruth's rosy cheek.

"No, not even after that!" exclaimed Aunt Ruth. "You are only a human little girl. And if Edward can afford it, it is quite right that you should make your home just as pretty as you can. But, after all, it is not rich furniture that makes a home pleasant, though it may help. And Mrs. DeLong, who in your imagination was scolding your home, looked around and, enviously the last time she was here and said, 'Mrs. Austin has the pleasantest house in the place. It is just like stepping into fairy-land to come into her rooms. They are just as dainty as herself.' And Mrs. Harland replied, 'They are not much like those stiff parlors of Mrs. Marston's—never a flower, book or bit of work around. I always feel as if a funeral had just moved out of them.' They did not say this to me, but I was in the back parlor and heard them talking while they were waiting for you."

Alice turned and looked over the rooms in silence. The flowers bloomed brightly in the window, her canary trilled softly in his gilded cage, fine pictures adorned the walls, and between the windows, whose soft curtains were lifted by the soft June wind, stood the fine piano that was Alice's delight.

"I am a very foolish little woman," she said at last; "my home is quite good enough—at least until we are richer. So Edward needn't look sober over new furniture to-night."

At night as Edward came to the garden walk with Alice's arm in his, and "Queen Bess" occupying her usual perch on his shoulder, he said:

"You can have your new furniture, little wife, as soon as you like."

"How is that?" asked Alice. "I thought you said this morning that you did not think we could afford to refurnish just yet."

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dollar he owned in the world, and forged a check for five hundred dollars. His creditors came in and swept everything out of his hands, and in less than two hours afterward the officers were after him on a charge of forgery. Alice, an hour ago I helped carry my old friend home, dead by his own hand!"

At these words Alice dropped into a chair, pale and speechless.

"And Jennie—poor Jennie!" she said at last. "Oh! I must help her."

"Poor woman!" he replied. "I left her perfectly insane with her grief, screaming, lamenting, and declaring that she alone was to blame for his death. It was a terrible scene—one that I shall never forget. And only two or three years ago his future looked so fair; and he was such a good-hearted, kindly—poor John! poor John!" And Edward turned away, overcome by old memories.

Erving John Marston was laid away with more pity than blame. His wife never recovered her reason after the shock of his death, and Edward and Alice Austin never allowed themselves to indulge in any extravagances because they fear what might be seen by other people's eyes.

HE FORGOT.

"My dear," said a wife to her husband, who had reached home very late one Saturday night, and in a state of intoxication, "did you order the meat for to-morrow's dinner?"

"No," he said, "I (hic) forgot it."

"Did you tell the grocer to send a couple of mackerel for breakfast?"

"I forgot that, too."

"Well, the vegetables; I hope you didn't forget them?"

"Yes, I did," he replied as well as he could. "I'm ver' sorry (hic), but I forgot a-all about 'em."

"You didn't forget to get intoxicated, did you?"

"No'm."

"Did you order the brandy for the mince-meat?"

"Yes," he said, pulling out of his pocket a half-emptied bottle, "an' I (hic) brought it with me."

"I declare," said his wife, impatiently, "we haven't a thing to eat to-morrow. It's the last time I will ever ask you to do any marketing."

"Well," responded the husband, with considerable indignation, "yer dot' expect (hic) er men to r'member everything, do you?"

—Philadelphia Call.

THE DATE OF HER BUSTLE.

Tom R. has a young brother and a young lady sister, and Tom R. is a hard one to keep up with. His sister had a beau the other night, and just as the conversation became interesting the little brother walked in.

"Well," said his sister, "what do you want here?"

"I want to whisper something to you," was the reply.

"Tisn't polite to whisper in company; speak out like a little man."

"Oh, I don't like to."

"Yes, but you must, so Mr. J. can see how bright you are."

"All right, then. Brother Tom told me to ask you what was the date of your last bustle, for he can't find to-day's paper high nor low, and he left it in your room just before supper."

Tom left on the midnight train for a trip South, and his house is not expecting him back before the first of May. The young lady may recover by that time.

PEACE IN POVERTY.

I have seen the Christian man in the depths of poverty, when he lived from hand to mouth and scarcely knew where he should find the next meal, still with his mind untroubled, calm and quiet. If he had been as rich as an Indian prince, yet could he not have had less care. If he had been told that his bread should always come to his door and the stream which ran hard by should never dry, and if he had been quite sure that ravens would bring him bread and meat in the morning and again in the evening he would not have been one whit more calm. There is his neighbor on the other side of the street, not half so poor, but worried from morning till night, working his fingers to the bone, bringing himself to the grave with anxiety. —Spurgeon.

At a recent dinner, where the host was somewhat inexperienced, there was a lull in the conversation, and he, with a view to relief, asked a mournful looking man if he were married. "No, I am a bachelor," stily replied the sombre man. "Ah," said the host, warming to his subject, "how long have you been a bachelor?" There was another lull in the conversation.

"Two hundred and twenty-seven bills were introduced into Congress the first day's session. Just think of it!" remarked Mrs. Simple. "Isn't it ridiculous? These congressmen get salaries big enough, I should think, to pay as they go. Two hundred and twenty-seven bills! For things they got last year, of course. For my part, I think it's positively scandalous." —Boston Transcript.

A Stevens street little girl was playing in the yard, Sunday, when she tore her sack. She showed the rent to her mother, and asked her to mend it. "Not to-day, it is Sunday," explained her mother. "But can't you just do this, and pray God to let you off this once?" —Danbury News.

When your friend is married, put your good wishes into the shape of an old English saying: "One year of joy, another of comfort, and all the rest of content." —Utica Press.

"You must beat the drum or nobody will come to the show," says a shrewd advertiser.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 1884.

SENATOR EDMUNDS was reflected president pro tem. of the United States Senate on Monday, Senator Anthony having declined the nomination on account of his health.

THE Legislature does not look favorably upon the idea of superintendents for country schools, the house on Wednesday defeating, by a vote of 44 yeas to 119 nays, a proposition allowing two or more adjoining towns to unite in the employment of a school superintendent.

GEN. BUTLER is now in Washington, where he will remain some time, coddling his presidential boom. He expects to secure the greenback-labor nomination in the spring, and with that for a starter hopes to get sufficient headway so that the Democrats will have to take him up in sheer self-defense.

THE United States Senate on Wednesday passed Senator Edmunds's bill regarding the counting of the electoral vote, and if the House will do the same, there will be no possibility of such another exciting dispute as occurred over the count of the vote in 1877. The bill is so fairly drawn that it elicited no partisan opposition whatever in the Senate.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN of Boston wants the Legislature to expunge from the records some Know-Nothing resolutions passed in 1855. The young Irishman must be terribly hard up for an issue when he has to go back 28 years to find one; and even if he succeeds in securing the desired action, he will have occasion for fear and trembling lest some Legislature of a future generation shall expunge his expurger.

JUDGING from the manner in which the committee on election laws is handling the question of biennial elections and sessions, it has no special desire to learn the wishes of the people on the subject. Its hearing was hardly advertised, and only four persons appeared, and the committee will very likely report that the people do not care for a change in the existing practice of annual elections. But the way to find out just what the people want is to give them a chance to vote directly on the question, and we cannot understand why the average legislator is so reluctant to give his constituents an opportunity to express their convictions on this subject at that certain.

YESTERDAY'S congressional election in the twelfth district was carried easily by the Republicans, Francis W. Rockwell of Pittsfield being elected successor to Gov. Robinson by a majority of 2144 over Col. A. C. Woodworth of Chicopee. Berkshire county gave Rockwell 5295 votes and Woodworth 2898, a majority of 2396 for Rockwell. The Hampden county vote was as follows:

	Rockwell.	Woodworth.
Agawam,	55	100
Barre,	50	50
Chicopee,	116	180
Chicopee Falls,	54	74
Granville,	64	89
Hampden,	68	42
Longmeadow,	82	37
Ludlow,	258	125
Monson,	21	12
Montgomery,	203	101
Palmer,	48	76
Russell,	36	71
Southwick,	269	1905
Springfield,	429	563
Tolland,	445	563
Westfield,	126	132
West Springfield,	126	39
Williamstown,	153	39
IS TOWNS,	4166	4348
Majority for Woodworth, 182.		

During the past two weeks there have been a number of exceedingly bold and brutal assaults upon citizens of Boston in the vicinity of Kneeland, Beach and Eliot streets, men being knocked down and robbed and terribly beaten. This portion of the city seems to be the least protected of any, and the police are suppressing the facts in several cases as much as possible, in order to shield themselves from blame because of their failure to prevent the outrages.

A horrible accident occurred at Bradford, Pa., on Tuesday. An oil tank near a railroad had sprung a leak, and the oil had run down to the track, the deep snow on either side confining it between the rails. The engine of a passenger train set the oil on fire and the train was entirely consumed by the flames, three lady passengers being cremated in one of the cars. Many were severely burned while escaping through the flames.

A German of a scientific turn of mind has demonstrated conclusively, as he thinks, that of the four poisonous constituents in tobacco, only nicotine is found in quantities sufficient to do any harm, but as this is soluble in alcohol, the use of it prevents any harm being done by the nicotine. Hence a glass of beer and a pipe would be proper companions.

Mrs. Charles P. Stickney, wife of the Fall River defaulter who recently finished a term at Concord, was burned to death Wednesday evening. She had been using naphtha to kill carpet moths, and set her clothes on fire by accident. Her husband was probably fatally burned in trying to save her. One of his hands was burned nearly off.

Francis T. Blackmer of Worcester, district attorney for Worcester county, and a prominent lawyer, died at Washington last Sunday evening, while on his way to Florida for his health. Col. W. S. B. Hopkins of Worcester has been nominated for the vacancy by Gov. Robinson.

A bridegroom in Philadelphia recently had a startling experience at his wedding. As the bride came up the aisle he was to meet her at the altar, but by some accident he was locked in the vestry, and, although he could hear the wedding march, was powerless to release himself.

Concord, N. H., claims to have a haunted house in which rattlings, whistlings, moanings and groans have taken place for nearly a year, accompanied by ringing of door bells and rattling of latches, the cause of which no one can find out.

The United States circuit court at Boston has decided that a passenger injured while traveling on Sunday cannot recover damages unless he was traveling on a mission of mercy or necessity.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The best New Orleans and Porto Rico molasses at Weld & Longley's, Central street.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

How's your cold?

Got your ice house filled?

The coasting is not as good as it was.

Reports of coasting accidents are common.

George W. Randall is among us once more.

Politics were not much on the boom yesterday.

Remember our premium offer before it is too late.

Why don't you get up a leap-year sleigh-ride, girls?

How many of those good resolutions remain unbroken?

It was a cold day for tramping umbrella-menders yesterday.

The Palmer Cornet band is trying hard to keep its head above water.

"I'll sing the fellow who insults you," the typo said to his best girl.

The cornet band will furnish music at the skating rink to-morrow evening.

The ladies of St. Paul's parish have voted to purchase a piano for use in the chapel.

Rev. E. A. Perry's text next Sunday evening will be, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

The voice of the "charco-o-ac, co-o-ac, co-o-ac" man is frequently heard on our streets.

S. H. Hellyar & Co. have out a new sign, extending across the entire front of their two stores.

No doubt every man aims at success, and yet many there are who never hit any where near the target.

A large audience turned out to hear Rev. Mr. Hunter's lecture to young women last Sunday evening.

The name Mansion House has ceased to exist, but that of Converse House appears on the same sign.

C. A. Brown writes that the sulphur waters of Avon, N. Y., are doing his rheumatism much good.

The young people of the Congregational society have a social at the residence of E. Brown this evening.

About 100 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Northrop made them a very pleasant surprise visit last evening.

Bear in mind that we can furnish you almost any paper or magazine at reduced rates in connection with the JOURNAL.

"It's stew thin," as the fellow remarked when he failed to find the faintest resemblance of an oyster in his plate of soup.

The days are growing perceptibly longer, and the lamps are not lighted until a good hour later than they were a few weeks ago.

Some fine braising weather this week, the thermometer having been down in the immediate vicinity of zero nearly every morning.

The thirty-first annual report of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural society has been issued from the JOURNAL job office, and is ready for distribution.

The sleighing in the village is extremely poor, though some still stick to runners. Outside of the village it is good, bad or gone, according to which direction you go.

It was a rather cold day last Monday, and so it is no wonder that a bill-poster who was at work out-of-doors became "so fettered with cold" could stick up bill without cent.

We have discovered this item going the rounds of our exchanges:—"Your gas bill looks pretty large, don't it? Charge it to the new standard time." Sorry we can't use it, but we have no gas company in town.

A clergyman not many miles from Palmer preached a sermon last Sunday on "Doubting Thomas," his idea being that he was called "Doubting" Thomas because he was a doubtful character. This will doubtless be a new explanation to the majority of people.

John L. Shaw, for the past year and a half the popular clerk of S. H. Hellyar & Co., is soon to open a clothing and gent's furnishing goods store in the new block of Moore Bros., at Monson. His many friends in this place will wish him abundant success in his venture.

The children of St. Thomas' Catholic Sunday school are preparing for a musical and dramatic entertainment to be given the early part of next month. We learn from the pastor, Rev. T. J. Sullivan, that it will be much better than anything ever before given by them.

With the advent of leap year it was thought that some, at least, of the young ladies in town would embrace with open arms the opportunities denied them during the past three years, but as yet the girls seem somewhat backward about coming forward.

The meetings of the week of prayer at the Congregational church were so largely attended, and so much interest was manifested that they were continued the first four evenings of this week. It is probable that meetings will also be held next week, and as long as the interest continues.

Candidate Rockwell was in town Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. Hyde of Springfield. Lawyer Gardner's office was made headquarters, and a "council of war" held by a number of our local politicians. Many dropped in to meet Mr. Rockwell, and all departed favorably impressed with the appearance of our new congressman.

Dwight Graves, who has been with Jeweler Brooks of this place for nearly five years, has bought out the jewelry store of F. L. Barnard at Warren. He has taken possession, and his friends here wish him success in his new field. F. L. Kendall, an experienced jeweler from Boston, takes the place of Mr. Graves in Mr. Brooks' establishment.

With the side walks in the condition they have been for the past two weeks it was not surprising that the footsteps of many should be rather unsteady, but several have

been seen on the streets this week whose steps while on a good clear walk were in anything but a straight line. This was probably caused by the habit of walking so much on the icy pavements.

The committee having the well-fare of the town clock in charge have arranged with the Bohemian Glass Blowers of Boston to give an entertainment at Wales Hall every evening next week, with a matinee on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings there will be dancing, with music furnished by Frank Eager.

Yesterday was a raw, chilly day, and as an election at this time of year is a new thing, not a very large vote was polled, the result being Rockwell 233, Woodworth 161, a total of 394, with a majority of 72 for Rockwell. One man who was around drumming up voters said that the Democrats were all on hand, but that the Republicans came as hard as if they were frozen down.

The good Republicans who stayed at the town house all day yesterday in order to see about how the thing was going, got a little scared about one o'clock, and sent down a list of Republicans who had not voted, with instructions to hunt them up and have them "come up and vote, sure." In spite of the alarm, however, the town gave the Republican candidate its usual majority.

The next meeting of "Our Club" will be at Union hall next Friday evening, and will be an open one. The history of Palmer will again be taken up, and as a number of interesting papers on the subject are in preparation, the meeting will no doubt be very entertaining. All are invited to be present, and all who have anything relating to the early history of the town are requested to present it to the meeting.

One of our exchanges publishes, "with a desire to do good to humanity," a method by which onions may be relieved of that delicate, lasting fragrance for which they are noted. Bless you! if that were to be taken from them they would be onions no longer, and would lose their attractiveness at once. No, sir! It is not the flavor that should be done away with, but the power of that flavor to make others acquainted with the fact that you have been indulging.

At the annual meeting of the corporation of the Palmer Savings Bank, on Monday, the following officers were chosen: President, C. L. Gardner; vice presidents, P. P. Potter, L. Dimock, Gardner Tufts; Secretary, S. S. Taft; treasurer, L. E. Moore; trustees, Enos Calkins, Ira G. Potter, R. L. Goddard, James B. Shaw, George Moores, John Clough, C. B. Fisk, J. S. Holden, H. G. Loomis, O. P. Allen, Stillman Ellis; auditors, S. S. Taft, C. B. Fisk; board of investment, Enos Calkins, P. P. Potter, George Moores, J. B. Shaw, C. L. Gardner.

Jan. 16.—Matthew Maury and Timothy Shea, of Monson, for coasting in the streets paid fine and costs of \$3.32 each.

17.—George Kelsey of Palmer, for assault on his father. Case continued to the first Saturday in February.

18.—Theodore Barry, for larceny of jewelry and clothing from the trunks of two ladies in Bondsville last November. Was held in \$300 in each case for his appearance next May, and in default of bail was committed.

KINDNESS ON THE CARS.

Mr. EDITOR:—A son of mine, thirteen years old, visiting in Massachusetts a month ago, with a mishap at Palmer depot on his way to Amherst. He found the transfer of baggage tedious and bewildering, and after worrying through by some mischance took the New London train instead of that for Amherst. It was not at all surprising for one so young, even if the junction at Palmer did not have a wide reputation for confusing travelers. Nor is it strange that when expecting soon to meet dear kindred whom he had never seen, the boy felt dismally at discovering his ill-luck. But I wish to tell with gratitude of the great kindness he received from a sympathizing fellow-traveler. A young man who saw his predicament, generously delayed his own journey, got off at the first station with my son, helped him collect his scattered baggage—(his scattered senses too), used telephone and telegraph in his service, and then took him back to Palmer on the stage at his own expense, and set him down at the right depot, delivered from his troubles. I do not know the address of this benefactor. Perhaps he was an angel. But if he lives in Massachusetts and reads the Palmer paper, I wish him to hear me say "Thank you."

FISK P. BREWER.

Grinnell, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1884.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The first farmers' institute of the season was held by the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society at the Weeks House last Tuesday, the subject for discussion being "How to improve mowing and pasture lands?"

Mr. Ramsdell of Warren spoke strongly in favor of a liberal use of plaster, his experience, covering a period of 33 years, during which time he had sown it broadcast every alternate year on the same land, being attended with the best of results. He afterwards sold the farm, and the purchaser discontinuing the use of plaster, the land became very poor. Mr. Warner of Hardwick had also succeeded well with plaster, with the addition of a little salt at times. He would not, however, recommend the use of plaster on dry land except in a wet season.

After dinner, Mr. Rockwell of Pittsfield was called upon the platform, and made some pleasant remarks upon the subject of farming. C. L. Gardner of this place concluded that as he was not brought up on a farm he did not know a great deal about the business.

The discussion now turned upon the best method of freeing a pasture of brush. In the case of white birch it was agreed that pulling them up by the roots was the only sure way of getting rid of them, while plowing under was advocated for small bushes.

A sample of the Betts ready-made wire fence which is soon to be manufactured here was shown, and all agreed that it was a cheap, durable and convenient fence for use on the farm.

The next institute will be held February 19th, and the subject of "Stock Raising" will be considered.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.

About twelve o'clock last night the house of James Calkins, just beyond the Burleigh bridge on the road to Three Rivers, was discovered to be on fire, and the flames were not extinguished until the building was entirely consumed. Mr. Calkins retired about 10 o'clock last evening, leaving everything all right, and about half past ten a neighbor passed by on the railroad track, but noticed nothing wrong.

About midnight Mr. Calkins, who was sleeping with the children, was awakened by his wife screaming that the house was on fire, and hastily dressing himself he discovered that the L of the building was full of fire, and that it was already communicating to the main part. After getting his wife and children out, he made an attempt to save some of his property, but the fire had gained such headway before being discovered, and spread so rapidly that little or nothing was gotten out. An old lady who lived in the L part went up stairs to save something, and on attempting to return had a narrow escape from death.

Situated as the house was, the light of the fire did not show very plainly either here or at Three Rivers and but few knew about it until this morning. Fortunately for Mr. Calkins, a little help arrived just as the barn was catching fire, but the flames were easily put out and was saved.

The insurance on the house and property is about \$700, or less than half the amount of the loss.

BELCHERTOWN.

James A. Barry, for the past three years proprietor of our hotel, the Belcher House, has sold the entire property to D. V. Fuller. Mr. Barry will remain at the hotel for the present.

THREE RIVERS.

There will be a temperance meeting in the Union church next Monday evening, in the interests of constitutional prohibition. Addresses will be given by the leading clergymen of the town, and all are requested to be present.

WEST WARREN.

Albert Hayes of North Brookfield and Louis Burns of this place are to have a three-hours' go-as-you-please race at Washington Hall next Monday evening.

A. W. Crossman & Son, manufacturers of edge tools, are to nearly double their production in the next three months by the introduction of more machinery.

WARREN.

The skating on the river is splendid. A small boy slid into the Quabog river on Tuesday, but was pulled out by a passer-by.

The people of the M. E. church had a supper and entertainment at their church vestry last evening.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

The hat has been lost. A. W. Crossman & Son have sold their brick yard property to Mr. Alexander of Killington, Ct.

Mr. Russell, the blind musician, gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the chapel last Friday evening.

Mrs. F. S. King has been visiting her sick sister, Mrs. C. E. Dickinson, at W. Springfield for a few days.

BRIMFIELD.

The ice harvesters have nearly completed their work. The ice is about 12 inches thick and of good quality.

The Hitchcock Free High School commenced its winter term with about its usual number of pupils January 8th.

Capt. G. H. Newton of the "Inland Whaling Association" gave his lecture, "An Illustrated Whaling Voyage," before the High School Lyceum on Tuesday evening to a fair audience. The partial failure of his calcium light was a drawback to full success.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The Ladies' society met Wednesday at Mrs. Phineas Knowlton's.

Charles A. Bradway of Monson passed last Sabbath with his friends and former neighbors.

Mrs. F. D. Benton started alone for California Wednesday night, whether her husband will follow shortly.

The S. of T. will celebrate to-morrow evening their first anniversary with a mock trial for breach of promise, in which a country blossom, Miss Araminta Clovertop, seeks redress at law from the handsome, heartless wretch, J. Barrymore De Browne-Smythe. At the close of the exercises refreshments will be served gratis.

PALMER CENTER.

Fred L. Snow and Miss Lillian Naylor caused quite a surprise in this place last week by quietly taking upon themselves the bonds of matrimony. A reception was held at the house of the bride's parents last evening.

This place was thrown into a state of excitement Tuesday morning by the finding of the body of Charles Miller, who lived alone in a house owned by Mr. Trumble, upon the floor of the kitchen in a nearly unconscious condition. Not seeing him about, George Shaw, a hired man of Geo. King's, went to Miller's house to get him to help about some work and found him as above noted. Shaw summoned aid at once and a physician was sent for, but it was not until afternoon that Dr. Holbrook arrived.

He at once pronounced it to be a shock of paralysis and that recovery was impossible. From appearances it is judged that he had been to the door some time in the morning as when he was found the door was unlocked and slightly opened; he appeared to have had a terrible struggle, as his head was grazed and his limbs badly bruised. He was terribly chilled, as when found he only had his night clothing on. The deceased moved here last spring from Brimfield, and was about 32 years of age and well known in this vicinity. He has been in poor health during the fall and winter, but told a neighbor the night before his death that he was feeling better. His remains were taken to Brimfield for burial.

WALES.

A young lady was quite severely bruised by being run over by boys while coasting last week.

The Division of Sons of Temperance hold regular meetings and are in a flourishing condition.

The ice houses are being filled with ice from 18 to 20 inches thick. It was never better than this winter.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a social in the vestry Wednesday evening which was

attended by 150 people, young and old. All seemed to enjoy it very much.

Milk is likely to rise, as the doctor tried it to bathe himself in by the roadside one of the slippery mornings last week. He will of course order it for some of his patients, as it works well.

"Sani" Rockwell from Stafford is bringing some pretty large loads of wood to the mills here; his largest on one sled thus far being 5 cords and 12 feet. He says, however, that he is going to bring up one of these days a load of 8 cords on one sled.

Judge Robinson of Palmer installed last week Wednesday evening the following officers of Anchor Lodge, F. & A. M.: Charles E. Green, W. M.; Willie J. Thompson, S. W.; J. M. Wright, J. W.; J. A. Johnson, T. S.; B. A. Sawtelle, Secretary; Watson E. Shaw, Chaplain; Eugene Cady, S. D.; Carlos E. Green, J. D.; D. C. Gale, S. S.; Porter Wallbridge, J. S.; Charles E. Farr, Marshal; C. M. Thompson, Tyler.

WILBRAHAM.

Pieria holds an open society in Fisk Hall this evening.

The Willing Workers met with Mrs. J. and Miss Emily Phelps Thursday afternoon.

At the town meeting Thursday, there were 135 votes for Francis G. Rockwell and 39 for A. C. Woodworth.

Southland's orchestra of Springfield, assisted by local talent, gave a fine concert at Fisk Hall Tuesday evening under the auspices of "Athens."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Learned were made the victims of a surprise party on Wednesday evening by the young people of the village, who brought refreshments, and enjoyed a first-class time.

The following are the names of the officers of the junior class of the Academy: President, C. H. Shelton; vice president, Miss Lettie Sessions; secretary, F. A. Beach. The class color is lilac.

At the business meeting of the Quadrangle Saturday evening with Miss Clara Markham, the following officers were chosen: President, Clara Markham; secretary and treasurer, Josie Firmin; directors for one month, Ella Firmin and Mrs. Charles Mowry. The next meeting will be with Dora Merrick to-morrow evening and subject for discussion, Frances Barry, (Madame D'Arhlay), her life and writings.

Charles O., the 16-year-old son of Postmaster Hubbard, ran away from home last week with \$100 belonging to his father. He went to his mother and telling her that his father wanted the money for use in cashing a check, was given the amount, and the crime was not suspected until his father came home in the evening. This is the third time he has run away, the other two times, however, without taking much money with him.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' club on Monday evening F. E. Clark was chosen president, M. E. Beebe vice president, H. M. Bliss secretary and treasurer, and C. A. Corbin, A. J. Blanchard and E. H. Brewer directors. Mr. Bliss has been secretary and treasurer of the club, which is the oldest one in the valley, for 30 successive years. The second farmers' institute of the season will be held at the Fisk Hall next Tuesday, the 22nd, and the topic for discussion will be "How to make Farming Pay?"

The roller skating rink at Central Hall will be open to-morrow afternoon and evening.

Marcus Keep Post, G. A. R., is to present a musical and dramatic entertainment at Central Hall next Friday evening.

Rev. W. R. Shipman, D. D., of Tufts College, will preach at Central Hall next Sunday morning and evening. Prof. Shipman is one of the leading preachers in the denomination.

The center store of Moore Bros.' new block is being fitted up for a clothing store, and will be occupied in a few days by J. L. Shaw of Palmer, with a full and complete line of clothing and gent's furnishing goods.

The ladies of the Universalist parish are making arrangements for a grand fair to be held in Central Hall February 20, 21, and 22, at which many attractions will be offered. This young society, organized last year, is in a flourishing condition, and its promoters during the few months he has been settled here.

Michael O'Grady, Jr., who was recently fined \$100 and given three months in jail for liquor selling, has been trying the virtue of a writ of habeas corpus, and has had a hearing before the supreme court at Boston. O'Grady claims that after he had escaped conviction in two cases, he was sentenced on an old case which had been filed away. The matter has not been decided yet.

The Flyuts, in order to separate the different branches of their business and prevent delay and mistakes, have organized their business under different firm names. The business at the quarry will be run under the name of the W. N. Flynt Granite Co., the store at this place will be that of W. N. Flynt & Sons, and the Flynt Building and Construction Co. will be located at Palmer. While each has a distinct name, they are all in connection, and the firms are composed of the same persons.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Nellie Cortis, wife of Judson A. Cortis, left her home about five o'clock, stating that she was going out on the street for a short time. Her husband came in at six o'clock and was surprised not to find her, but thinking perhaps she was at some of the neighbors did not feel alarmed till 11 o'clock, when on retiring he found a note from her stating that she had left home, husband and a daughter some 5 or 6 years old, and intended not to return. On Monday evening Lafayette Gilligan left his home on Flynt avenue and told his wife that he was going down street. He had complained during the day of nervousness, and seemed to have something weighing heavily on his mind. He wandered down to the depot and took the train at 7.30 o'clock for the south, and is supposed to have gone with the intention of leaving home, wife and daughter. Some persons conjecture that the mysterious disappearance on Saturday of Mrs. Cortis and the sudden departure on Monday of Mr. Gilligan may be solved by finding them in each other's company in another state, but the wife of the latter has implicit confidence in her husband, while Mr. Cortis is loth to believe that his wife would clope with another man. A letter received from

Mr. Gilligan would seem to indicate that he was aware of public opinion in regard to the lady's disappearance and his connection with the matter, but he stoutly denies any wrongdoing. Thus the annual food for gossipers is furnished, and queries and surmises are the order of the day.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Ed. W. Lawton has gone to Brattleboro, Vt., as manager of a skating rink.

The repairs and changes at the boot shop have been completed and cutting has commenced.

The Ware running hose company No. 1, are to hold a social dance at Firemen's Hall to-morrow night.

It is reported that there is to be a skating rink built in Ware, the location to be somewhere back of the Delavan House.

If there are any who have not paid their taxes they must do so soon, as the accounts must be closed up the first of February.

The officers of Neumessack Council, American Legion of Honor, were installed by District Deputy Grand Commander O. W. Roberts on Thursday evening.

H. W. Brown of Northampton has, during his stay of about a month in the Hampshire House, colored and finished about 125 of what he is pleased to call the crystal photographs.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson was presented with a fine buffalo overcoat, by members of his Hardwick parish, last Sunday noon as he was about leaving that place for Ware, Mr. Lincoln making the presentation speech, which was happily responded to by Mr. Stevenson.

The tickets for "The Merchant of Venice" next Tuesday evening, are selling well. While many think this play is too much for amateur actors all will want to go and see how well it can be done by them. The leading parts will no doubt be well done.

The first sleigh ride party in town was from North Brookfield last Saturday, stopping at the Delavan House. The party no doubt took home a good report of their treatment by Landford Kendrick, for another party from the same place stopped with him this week.

George, son of Dr. Calvin King, met with a severe accident while coasting at Ware Center a few days since. The traverse on which he was sliding was upset, throwing him in such a manner that the socket of his shoulder was broken. It is feared the joint may be stiff for life.

The second annual ball for the benefit of Mike Bolan will be held at Music hall on Friday evening, the 25th. He is a poor unfortunate who is not capable of taking care of himself, and no doubt there will be a large turnout for his benefit. At the first ball last year over \$70 was cleared.

G. R. Lawton, whose name has been a household word in connection with the clothing trade for the past thirty years, has leased the old harness shop store of Owen McMahon, who is fitting it up

NEWS MORSELS.

Pere Hyacinth is in Florida. Work on the Cape Cod canal is progressing as fast as possible.

Fourteen thousand men are now at work upon the Panama canal.

One of the Milwaukee street car lines has its vehicles heeled.

It cost, all told, about \$3000 not to find who murdered Louis Amherst.

Gov. Robinson's only son will be graduated at Amherst college this year.

Chicago issued 10,046 marriage licenses and granted 650 divorces last year.

A bill has been introduced into the House to abolish the postage on newspapers.

Twelve million clocks were manufactured last year, and some are yet behind time.

Florida alligator hunters, when successful, earn from \$1000 to \$3000 in a season.

Ex-Senator David Davis has been elected president of the Illinois Bar Association.

The Marblehead bicycle club has a road-riding record of 12,550 miles the past season.

A Chinese laundryman in Philadelphia bears the peculiarly interesting name "Get Lung."

The charge of bribery preferred against Governor Ordway of Dakota has been dismissed.

Speaker Carlisle refuses to allow his name to be used in the Kentucky senatorial contest.

A Florida truck farmer has contracted for the sale of his strawberry crop at \$3 per quart.

The Texas fever has struck the negroes of Newberry, S. C., and hundreds of them are migrating.

Thomas Holloway, the famous pill and ointment man, died recently in England, at the age of 84.

Senator Davis says the Indian population is increasing, not diminishing, as most people suppose.

One of Vanderbilt's grandsons is to open a two-section farm near Fort Lincoln, Dakota, next spring.

Gov. Robinson still fills the position of superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school at Chelmsford.

The largest iron sailing vessel ever built in this country was launched at Philadelphia last Saturday.

Notwithstanding the cold, a number of persons were baptized in the ocean at Portland, Me., last Sunday.

An eccentric individual in De Kalb county, Tenn., committed suicide by cutting a tree and then letting it fall upon him.

Mr. Cox has introduced a bill repealing the law which prohibited ex-Confederates from entering the United States army.

The North River Construction Company, which built the West Side Railroad, has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

Mrs. J. J. Astor has expended nearly \$16,000 in the last few years in providing homes in the South and West for homeless children.

The Dime Museum men are said to be on the look-out for the Tichborne claimant, who will be released from prison before long.

George S. Humphrey, 71, the oldest and one of the most faithful policemen of Baltimore, dropped dead at his post of duty the other day.

The net bonded debt of New York city is over ninety-two and a half millions, a decrease of more than three and a half millions the past year.

When a party of Apaches from New Mexico were introduced to President Arthur the other day, Augustine, the biggest and most clearly unwarlike savage of the lot, rushed up and seized the chief executive in his arms, exclaiming, "God is a great man, but the Great Father is a greater!" and held and hugged his victim for a long half-minute. The president showed his disgust plainly, but was helpless.

A party of Apache chiefs visiting the internal revenue office at Washington the other day were surrounded by girl clerks, and seemed to have been favorably impressed. "Eh?" remarked a particularly large and dirty savage to the commissioner, "Hav good squaw? Give you 25 good pony for one!" And this when the red-skin article is worth but from 2 to 10 ponies.

The Mexican Government has contracted with Mr. Oscar A. Droege to plant 2,000,000 trees in the valley of Mexico within four years. The trees are to be ash, willows, poplars, eucalyptus, transjapones, mountain cypress, acacias, and miscellaneous varieties, and are to be in plantations of 50,000 to 100,000 each.

Rev. F. Heber Newton of All Souls' (Episcopal) church, New York, who excited a great deal of adverse criticism because of his views on certain portions of the Bible, has in respect to wishes of Assistant Bishop Potter consented to stop his lectures on the objectionable questions.

The names of some of the fifty Indian maidens who are attending school in the City of Brotherly Love are Bessie Big Soldier, Edna Eagle Feather, Frankie Bear, Ella Man Chief, Maud Echo Hawk, Fanie Crow, Eunice Redshield, Sarah High Pipe, Lizzie Spider and Olive Battle.

The use of beer as an article of ordinary diet has been discontinued in at least 27 pauper lunatic asylums in England, and in no case has the effect been detrimental. On the contrary, many of the superintendents say that the change had been a decided benefit.

The congregation in the Milford, Ct., Catholic church were entertained last Sunday by the sight of a man of 65 and a girl of 22 stepping up to the altar to be married and being sent away by the priest unsatisfied because they had no license.

Judge Cochran of Georgia, for settling a difficult law case between the Memphis and Charleston and East Tennessee and Virginia Railroads, is reported to have received \$50,000 and a position in the directory of one of the roads.

The National Academy of Sciences declares that stanching, or glueing, in large quantities, about ten million dollars' worth of it is made in this country every year.

A Tennessee newspaper which favors protection is alluded to by the Louisville Courier-Journal as "that chuckle-headed mouth-piece of a coal hole, the Chattanooga Daily Tom Cat."

A petroleum well lately sunk in the Bakhti district of Russia promises to surpass the most famous "gushers" of this country. It is said to be yielding from 7,000 to 8,000 barrels a day.

California hogs have to be trapped in the woods in about the same manner as bears. On most of the ranches, it is said, the swine are as wild as deer, and when cornered will place themselves on the defensive and fight like tigers.

A young girl from Fayal landed at New Bedford Sunday to meet a husband she had never seen, and to whom she was married by proxy, the wedding a power of attorney to Fayal where a priest performed the ceremony.

The latest Western enterprise is that of a man who is enclosing 3000 acres of land in Colorado for the purpose of raising deer and elk for the Eastern market as curiosities for parks, etc.

Chicago detectives must be a smart lot. The other day two of them waited around the county jail all day on the watch for a man whom they suspected would call to see his wife who was an inmate, and when at last he came, dressed up like a dude, and wanted to see another woman, they didn't know him, and after a visit of two hours he left.

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At Hardwick, 5th, a daughter to BIRIE and MARY STRICKLAND, and granddaughter to J. B. BIRIE-GAME of Palmer.

MARRIED. At Palmer, 10th, by Rev. E. A. Perry, FRANK SNOW and LILLIAN NAYLOR, both of Thorndike.

At Palmer, 9th, JOSEPH S. BARRETT and MARY E. RONAN, both of Palmer.

At Rockville, 8th, MICHAEL McDONALD and CATHERINE O'NEIL, both of Rockville.

At West Brookfield, 1st, by Rev. L. L. Beaman, GEORGE W. ARMITAGE of Gilletteville and LOUISE A. SAMSON of West Brookfield.

At Waverly, 1st, by Rev. J. WHITNEY of Brooklyn and MISSIE E. daughter of E. F. Strickland.

DIED. At Palmer Center, 15th, CHARLES E. MILLER, 31.

At North Woburn, 14th, JOSEPH ALDEN, 70.

At Monson, 14th, MORTIMER L. DAVIS, 68.

At Monson, HONORA O'GRADY, 29.

CAME TO MY HOUSE.—A young New-England dog, which owner can have by proving property and paying charges.

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INFORMATION WANTED.—Of two boys who left Thorndike, Mass., Jan. 10th. One about 15 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, fair complexion, and known as "Timothy Sleet," the other about 17 years old, tall and slim, light hair and complexion, known as "Patrick Carpenter." Any information concerning their whereabouts or capture direct to MICHAEL SHEA, Thorndike.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Mass., at the close of business, December 31, 1883.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	\$148,775 40
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	82,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	32,100 78
Due from approved reserve agents,	24,683 31
Due from other National Banks,	2,401 00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	2,500 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	1,853 55
Checks and other cash items,	18 00
U. S. Bills of other Banks,	2,333 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	31 05
Specie,	1,105 00
Legal tender notes,	2,100 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation),	6,230 00
TOTAL,	\$402,405 17

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$150,000 00
Surplus fund,	30,000 00
Undivided profits,	9,500 43
National Bank notes outstanding,	95,300 00
Dividends unpaid,	33 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	129,584 17
Demand certificates of deposit,	19,576 29
TOTAL,	\$435,779 89

State of Massachusetts, county of Hampden, ss: I, CHAS. B. FISK, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. B. FISK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1884.

L. S. MOORE, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. B. SHAW, J. F. HOLBROOK, Directors. L. E. MOORE.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Mass., at the close of business, December 31, 1883.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	\$308,780 17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	1,880 47
Due from approved reserve agents,	15,000 00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	28,465 02
Current expenses and taxes paid,	1,300 00
Checks and other cash items,	1,292 91
U. S. Bills of other Banks,	317 35
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	1,640 00
Specie,	43 97
Legal tender notes,	10,448 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation),	3,448 00
TOTAL,	\$435,779 89

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$150,000 00
Surplus fund,	30,000 00
Undivided profits,	9,500 43
National Bank notes outstanding,	95,300 00
Dividends unpaid,	33 00
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Coasting.
A hill, a sled and painted red,
The name in yellow;
A boy in cap and mitts and wrap,
A happy fellow!
The track like ice—that's very nice—
A scrape and rumble;
A little swerve; a tricky curve—
And such a tumble!
A whirl; a stop; the sled on top—
Snow all this hiding;
A merry laugh—yet this is not half
The fun of sliding!

HOW THEY PLAY THE PIANO IN NEW ORLEANS.

"I was loafing around the streets last night," said Jim Nelson, one of the locomotive engineers running into New Orleans, "and as I had nothing to do, I dropped into a concert and heard a slick-looking Frenchman play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running. He tapped the keys away up one end just as if they were gauges, and he wanted to see if he had water enough. Then he looked up, as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle and sailed out on the main line as if he were half an hour late. "You could hear his thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster, until the fellow rocked about in his seat like a rattle. Somehow I thought it was old '33' pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a 'special.' The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning, and then he flew along the north end of the line until the drivers went around like a buzz saw, and I got excited. About the time I was fixing to tell him to cut her off a little, he flicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle away back in the tender, and Jerusalem jammers! how he did run. I couldn't stand it any longer, and yelled to him that she was 'pounding' on the left side, and if he was not careful he'd drop his ash-pail. "But he didn't hear; no one heard me. Everything was flying and whizzing. Telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a row of cornstalks, the trees appeared to be a mud bank, and all the time the exhaust of the old machine sounded like the hum of a bumble bee. I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move. He went around curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades fifty feet to the mile, and not a confused brake set. She went by the meeting point at a mile and a half a minute, and calling for more steam. My hair stood up like a cat's tail, because I knew that the game was up. "Sure enough, dead ahead of us, was the headlight of the 'special.' In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw cars shivered into atoms, people mashed and mangled, and bleeding and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the French professor struck the deep keys away down on the lower end of the southern division, and then I came to my senses. There he was at a dead standstill, with the door of the fire-box of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face and howling at the people before him. If I live to be a thousand years old I'll never forget the ride that Frenchman gave me on a piano. Times-Democrat.

THE OLD WOMAN.

It was thus, a few days since, we heard a striding of sixteen designate the mother who bore him. By coarse husbands we have heard wives so called occasionally, though in the latter case the phrase is more often used endearingly. At all times, as commonly spoken, it jars upon the ear and shocks the sense. An "old woman" should be an object of reverence above and beyond almost all other phrases of humanity. Her very age should be her surest passport to courteous consideration. The aged mother of a grown-up family needs no other certificate of worth. She is a monument of excellence, approved and warranted. She has fought faithfully "the good fight," and comes off conqueror. Upon her venerable face she bears the marks of conflict in all furrowed lines. The most vigorous of the ills of life have been hers; trials untold and unknown to her God and herself she has borne incessantly, and now, in her old age—her duty done, patiently awaiting her appointed time—she stands more truly beautiful than ever in youth! more honorable and deserving than he who has slain his thousands or stood triumphantly upon the proudest field of victory.

Young man, speak kindly to your mother, and even courteously—tenderly of her. But a little time and you shall see her no more. Her eye is dim, her form is bent, and her shadow falls gravely. Others may love you when she has passed away—kind-hearted sisters; perhaps, or she whom of all the world you choose for a partner—she may love you warmly, passionately; children may love you fondly, but never again, never, while time is yours, shall the love of woman be to you as that of your old, trembling mother has been.

In agony she bore you! through piling helpless infancy her throbbing breast was your safe protection and support; in wayward, techy boyhood she bore patiently with your thoughtless rudeness, and nursed you safe through a legion of ills and maladies. Her hand it was that bathed your burning brow or moistened the lips; her eye that lighted up the darkness of vast night, watching always in your fitful sleep, sleepless by your side as none but she could watch. Oh, speak not her name lightly, for you cannot live so many years as would suffice to thank her fully. Through reckless and impatient youth she is your counsellor and solace. Up to a bright manhood she guides your imprudent step, nor even there forsakes or forgets. Speak gently, then, reverently of your mother; and when you, too, shall be old, it shall be yours to light the remembrance which shall be yours for other sons, to know that never wantonly have you outraged the respect due to the "old woman."

"Ethel!" said the teacher, "whom do the ancients say supported the world on his shoulders?" "Atlas, sir." "You're quite right," said the teacher. "Atlas supported the world. Now who supported Atlas?" "I suppose," said Ethel softly, "I suppose he married a rich wife."

BILL NYE'S RESIGNATION.

The following is the only exact copy of Bill Nye's official letter in which he resigned the Post Office at Laramie City, W. T.:
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LARAMIE CITY, W. T., Oct. 1, 1883.
To the President of the United States:
Sir:—I beg leave at this time to officially tender my resignation as Postmaster at this place, and in due form to deliver the great seal and the key to the front door of the office. The safe combination is set on the numbers 33, 66, and 99, though I do not remember at this moment which comes first, or how many times you revolve the knob, or which direction you should turn it at first in order to make it operate.

There is some mining stock in my private drawer in the safe, which I have not yet removed. This stock you may have, if you desire it. It is a luxury, but you may have it. I have decided to keep a horse instead of this mining stock. The horse may not be so pretty, but it will cost less to keep him. You will find the postal cards that have not been used under the distributing table, and the coal down in the cellar. If the stove draws too hard, close the damper in the pipe and shut the general delivery window.

Looking over my stormy and eventful administration as Postmaster here, I find abundant cause for thanksgiving. At the time I entered upon the duties of my office the department was not yet on a paying basis. It was not even self-sustaining. Since that time, with the active cooperation of the chief executive and the heads of the department, I have been able to make our postal system a paying one, and on top of that I am now able to reduce the tariff on average-sized letters from 3 cents to 2. I might add that that is rather too good, but I will not say anything that might seem undignified in an official resignation which is to become a matter of history.

Through all the vicissitudes of a tempestuous term of office I have safely passed. I am able to turn over the office to-day in a highly improved condition; and to present a purified and renovated institution to my successor.

Acting under the advice of Gen. Hutton, a year ago, I removed the feather bed with which my predecessor, Deacon Hayford, had bolstered up his administration by stuffing the window, and substituted glass. Finding nothing in the book of instructions to Postmasters which made the feather bed a part of my official duties, I fled it away in an obscure place and buried it in effigy, also in the gloaming. This act made my predecessor to such a degree that he then and there became a candidate for Justice of the Peace on the Democratic ticket. The Democratic party was able, however, with what aid it got from the Republicans, to plough the old man under to a great degree.

It was not long after I had taken my official oath before an era of unexampled prosperity opened for the American people. The price of beef rose to a remarkable altitude, and other vegetables commanded a good figure and a ready market. We then began to make active preparations for the introduction of the strawberry roan 2-cent stamps, and the black-and-tan postal note. One reform was crowded upon the heels of another until the country is to-day upon the foam-crested wave of a permanent prosperity.

Mr. President, I cannot close this letter without thanking yourself and the heads of departments at Washington for your active, cheery, and prompt cooperation in these matters. You can do as you see fit, of course, after incorporating this idea into your Thanksgiving proclamation, but rest assured it would not be ill-timed or inopportune. It is not alone a credit to myself. It reflects credit upon the administration also.

I need not say that I herewith transmit my resignation with sorrow and genuine regret. We have toiled on together month after month, asking for no reward except the innate consciousness of rectitude and the salary as fixed by law. Now we are to separate. Here the roads seem to fork, as it were, and you and I and the Cabinet must leave each other at this point.

You will find the key under the door mat, and you had better turn out the cat at night when you close the office. If she does not go readily you can make it clearer to her mind by throwing the cancelling stamp at her.

If Deacon Hayford does not pay up his box rent, you might as well put his mail in the general delivery, and when Bob Head gets drunk and insists on a letter from one of his wives every day in the week, you can salute him through the box delivery with an old Queen Anne tomahawk which you will find near the Etruscan water pail. This will not in any manner surprise either of these parties.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

THE FATE WHICH OVERTOOK THE "CITY OF BOSTON," CAPTAIN MURRAY'S IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.
A few years ago, the City of Boston sailed from harbor, crowded with an expectant throng of passengers bound for a foreign shore. She never entered port.

The mystery of her disappearance grows deeper as the years increase, and the Atlantic voyager, when the fate of the vessel is mentioned, shudders at the name and shudders at the thought of the mysterious fate of that magnificent vessel are alluded to.

Our reporter, on a recent visit to New York, took lunch with Captain George Shilbans Murray, on board the Atlantic, of the Gulf Line. Captain Murray is a man of staid build, well-knit frame and cheery, genial disposition. He has been a constant voyager for a quarter of a century, over half of that time having been in the trans-Atlantic service. In the course of the conversation over the well-spread table, the mystery of the City of Boston was alluded to.

"Yes," remarked the Captain, "I shall never forget the last night we saw that ill-fated vessel. It was chief officer of the City of Boston. On the day we were to sail, in both vessels harbor south-east, a heavy fog came down upon the bay. The sea was calm, and everything was hushed for a night of moonlight. Our good ship was turned to the south to avoid the possibility of icebergs. The moonlight, however, was so bright that we were able to see the City of Boston, and she was seen to be all securely lashed, and when she went down, everything went with her. She disappeared and the sea gives up her dead."

"What, in your opinion, Captain, was the cause of the loss of the City of Boston?"
"The City of Liverpool," in almost precisely the same latitude, a few days later, and the sea was calm, and everything was hushed for a night of moonlight. Our good ship was turned to the south to avoid the possibility of icebergs. The moonlight, however, was so bright that we were able to see the City of Boston, and she was seen to be all securely lashed, and when she went down, everything went with her. She disappeared and the sea gives up her dead."

Years of study and observation have forced me to the conclusion that the disease which manifests the symptoms popularly supposed to indicate that a cold has been caught is in all intents and purposes a *filth* disease, arises largely from indigestion, and forms the basis, so to say, or is in fact the first stage of all the so-called filth diseases. Whatever interferes with digestion or depuration, or deprives the vital organism in any manner, produces an impure condition of the body—a condition of disease; and a continuance of disease-producing habits must inevitably result in periodical or occasional "eruptions," the severity of which will depend upon the degree of one's transgression. Among the causes of this impure bodily condition are (1) impure food, (2) excess in diet, and (3) impure air. Our homes, offices, shops, halls, court-houses, all churches, and with rare exceptions, all living-rooms, private or public, are insufficiently or not at all ventilated; and, except while in the open air, a very large proportion of our people, in all the walks of life, habitually breathe an atmosphere vitiated by being breathed over and over again; they are starving for want of oxygen, and are being poisoned by carbonic acid. In default of sufficient oxygen the best of food can not be transformed into pure blood—there will always be corresponding indigestion; nor can the carbonic acid be eliminated freely in an impure atmosphere. We have, then, serious "interference with digestion and depuration," whenever we remain even for a single hour of the twenty-four in an "indoor" atmosphere, i. e., an atmosphere that is not in tolerably free communication with the great body of air without. The only offset for restriction in oxygen is restriction in diet and exercise; but a combination of this character would produce emaciation of the system, though if a proper balance were maintained there would arise no febrile symptoms such as we are considering. We have plenty of people living in unventilated rooms who, so far as exercise is concerned, live a well-balanced life; but seldom do these, any more than the robust and active, practice any sort of voluntary restriction as to quality or quantity of food—nausea and lack of appetite being the only safe sufferings from colds.—Dr. C. E. Page, in Popular Science Monthly.

Persons sometimes get answers they don't expect, even from children. One of them was questioning a Sunday-school class about the man who fell among thieves on the way from Jerusalem to Jerico. Bringing the story to a point, he asked, "Now why did the Priest and Levite pass by on the other side?" A scholar held out his hand. "Well, my boy, why did the Priest and Levite pass by on the other side?" "I know," said the lad, "because the man was already robbed."

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Who slides on his sled down the icy track,
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Riding.

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Shouting aloud to the laggard through,
Seeing a female and going for her.
And tossing her up on the swift runner,
While she, coming down, observes a broad grin
On the vanishing face of the lead urchin.

Oh, the snow, the boot full of snow!
Now for a sleigh and a young widow,
Or maid. It is certainly much more fun
Than to ramble along in an old wagon.
Prancing.

Dancing.

'Tis good for the nerves—yea, verily,
She timidly yields both her hands to his,
And she shelters her carefully from the breeze;
And the buffalo covers them up to the chin
And he taketh toll at the gate—certain.

Oh, the snow, the boot full of snow,
Heating the streets and the calm meadow.
On the water pipe the frost king sits,
And the plumber goeth on his visits—
Loading.

Davilling.

With the susceptible cook sometimes flirting,
He eats and he drinks and he works at her,
And solters the pipe with his golden solder,
And he makes enough, ere the day is done,
To buy him a new brown stone mansion.

MEADOW FARM.

Mary Miller came home from the factory upon that April evening with a light, quick step.

The sky was all a jowl glow; the frogs were croaking in the swamp; the maples were crimsoned with their earliest banners of blossom; and, as she tripped along, Mary found a tuft of violets, half hidden under a drift of dead leaves—pale purple, scentless blooms!

"The first violets always bring good luck with them," she whispered to herself, as she pinned them into the bosom of her blue flannel gown.

"Home" was scarcely the ideal realization of that poetic word to her factory-girl. She and her mother lived in the upper half of a shabby, unapainted wooden house, with a blacksmith's scolding wife and seven riotous children down stairs, and one-half of a trampled-down back yard by way of garden, where nothing ever grew but burdocks, nettles and Mrs. Muggs' long-necked fowls.

But Mrs. Miller, who had been a school-teacher once, and still retained somewhat of the refinement of her early education, had the tea ready, with a shaded lamp and a bunch of maple blossoms on the table, ready for Mary to come home.

"Good news, mother!" cried the girl lightly. "The Meadow farm is to let!"

Mrs. Miller looked dubiously at the bright, eager face, with its blue-gray eyes and fringes of yellow hair.

"Can we afford it, daughter?" she said slowly. "A whole house and a farm of forty-three acres?"

"It isn't such a very large house, mother," pleaded Mary, as she laid the bunch of violets in her mother's lap—"not so many more rooms than we have here. And we could keep two cows, and I could sell milk and butter, and spring chickens and eggs; and I am almost sure Will Davigde would work the farm on shares. And only think, mother, how delightful it would be to have a home all to ourselves, where we couldn't hear Mrs. Muggs' boxing Bobby's ears, or Helen shrieking with the tooth-ache! I could have a little garden, mother, where we could have peonies and hollyhocks, and all those lovely, old-fashioned flowers that your soul delights in!"

Mrs. Miller's pale face softened.

"It would be a great temptation, Molly," she said.

"It's a month now since old Mrs. Dabney died," said Mary; "and they say that her daughter in the city and her son out in California despise the old farm, with its one-story house and its old barn. So it is to let. And so cheap, too. Only a hundred and fifty dollars a year! Only a hundred and fifty dollars a year! Only a hundred and fifty dollars a year!"

"I've saved enough you know to buy the two cows and some real Plymouth Rock fowls to begin with, and oh, it will be such a happiness! Say yes, mother—do say yes!"

When Mary Miller pleaded like this, the gentle widow never knew how to refuse; and the upshot of it was that they leased the old Dabney house and became co-owners of the realm of Meadow Farm.

It was their first night there. Overhead, the young May moon shone through a veil of purple mist. A solitary owl hooted in the chestnut wood back of the house, for Meadow farm was situated on a lonely mountain-side where no one ever came except on special business.

The Plymouth Rock chickens were safely shut up where foxes could not reach them; the minks were shut in to bleed their young lives away; the cows—two fine Alderneys—were chewing their cud back of the old red barn, and Mary Miller had flung a handful of cedar sticks on the hearth, where their scented blaze illuminated the old kitchen with a leaping brightness beautiful to see.

"Because it's so convex that the house may be damp," she said, "after being uninhabited so long. There, mother, isn't that cheerful? And isn't it nice that our old rag carpet should chance to fit this floor so exactly?" with a satisfied downward glance.

"And do you see those tiger lilies? I found them down by the garden-wall—oh, such a red wilderness of them! Old Mrs. Dabney set them out herself, they say. It seems only yesterday," she added, thoughtfully, "that I came past here and saw old Mrs. Dabney sitting in the big chair by the fire, just where—"

Mrs. Miller uttered a little shriek and grasped her daughter's arm at this moment. Mary stopped short with an ashy pallor overspreading her cheek.

For as she spoke, the door opposite had opened and a very little old woman, silver-

haired and shriveled like a mummy, came in, and, walking across the floor, seated herself in Mrs. Dabney's very corner. An old woman dressed in the snuff-colored gown which Mrs. Dabney had always worn and wearing a snuff-silk cap, while a bag depended from her arm.

"It's cold, ladies," she said, looking around with a deprecating air. "Cold for the season of the year. And they don't keep fires at Tewksdown!"

"Mother," said Mary recovering herself with a hysterical gasp of relief, "it isn't old Mrs. Dabney's ghost at all. It's old Miss Abby come back from the Tewksdown poor-house."

"You don't mean—" began the mild widow.

"That Mrs. Daniel Dabney and Mrs. Everard Elbertson let their old aunt go to the poor-house?" said Mary Miller.

"Yes, it's quite true. Mrs. Daniel leads society in San Francisco, I am told, and Mrs. Elbertson is a grand lady in Bridgeport—with a reception day and servants in livery. What could they do with a half-erazy old aunt, who takes snuff and talks nunciat grammar? Poor Miss Abby! She has wandered back to her old home. She was eighty last birthday, and things are all misty and vague to her."

"But what shall we do?" said Mrs. Miller, in accents of perplexity. "A crazy woman here—it doesn't seem just right, Molly, does it?"

"I'll take her back, after she has rested a little, and had a cup of tea," said Mary cheerily.

"Oh, yes, she will," said Mary. "Poor Miss Abby! She is as gentle as a child."

Her words proved to be correct. Miss Abby Dabney suffered herself to be led unconsciously back to Tewksdown poor-house, where a matron read her a shrill-voiced lecture, and declared she should not be allowed another grain of snuff if she couldn't behave better. Old Miss Abby smiled deprecatingly.

"They are peculiar people here," she said. "I think, my dear," to Mary, "they forget sometimes I'm a lady. But it takes all sorts of people to make a world."

The next night, however, just as Mary and her mother were sitting down to tea, Miss Abby once more appeared, in the midst of a gentle shower of rain.

"I hope I don't inconvenience anybody," she said meekly. "But that woman at Tewksdown has cut off my allowance of snuff, and, after all, there's no place like home."

And once more Mary Miller patiently walked back with the poor old crone to the poor-house. The matron was infuriated this time.

"It ain't in human power to stand this," she declared. "I'll put her in the jug."

"The jug?" repeated Mary, in surprise.

"It's a room, down cellar, where we shut up the troublesome cases," said the matron. "I can't stand this running-away business, and I won't!"

The jug, perhaps, proved efficacious, for old Miss Abby Dabney did not appear again for a week. At the expiration of that period, however, she crept noiselessly in, just at dusk, and seated herself like a silent shadow in the chimney corner.

"It is so good to be at home again," said she, rubbing her wrinkled hands. "I somehow seem to get lost of late. Elanah is gone and Betsey is gone, and I'm left here all alone. Yes, a cup of tea, please—sugar and no milk. They never remember how I like my tea at Tewksdown. This is good; and butter on my bread, too! We don't get butter at Tewksdown."

Mary burst into tears.

"Mother," said she, "Miss Abby shall not go back to Tewksdown—she shall stay here! Mother, how should I feel if you were wandering friendless and alone through the world?"

"But, my dear—"

"She shall sleep in her own old room, out of the kitchen," persisted Mary. "She will be no more care than a canary bird. Oh, mother, do consent! She will think then she is still in her old home. Oh, if you know how dreary it is at the poor-house with the grass all tramped out, and piles of clean-shells lying around the door, and so much as a dandelion to be seen!"

And Mrs. Miller yielded to Mary's tearful solicitations.

"Do as you please, my child," said she. The Tewksdown authorities were but too glad to be rid of the poor old incubus; and Miss Abby Dabney settled down into her old home, as contentedly and unquestioningly as if she had never left it. She ate and drank but little; she talked still less, and seemed to regard Mrs. Miller and Mary as guests, who had come to visit the old farm.

"The Widow Miller and her darter must be rich folks," undertook to support old Miss Abby," sneered one neighbor.

"She was well enough provided for at the poor-house," said another.

"I never yet saw a farm succeed that was worked by women-folks," jeered a third.

"There'll be the biggest kind of a smash-up presently," observed number four; "and an auction sale of everything; and I'll be on hand—for I don't deny that them little Alderney cows is the cunningest creatures I ever set eyes on and good milkers into the bargain."

But time wore on, and there was no flutter of any red flag over the porch. On the contrary matters thrived, and Mary Miller declared, joyously, that "farming was a great deal more profitable business than working in the factory, and she only wished that she had found it out before."

Until one gray autumnal evening, Mary and her mother came back from a brisk walk to the village, and found a stalwart, sun-browned man sitting opposite to Miss Abby, by the red glow of the fire.

The old woman rose up in an odd, uncertain way.

"Ladies," she said, fumbling in her old snuff-box, "this is my nephew, Cyrus Dabney—he ran away from home twenty-nine years ago come Michaelmas Day, and we

all supposed he was dead. Cyrus, these are the ladies who are so good as to visit me here. I don't quite recollect their name but then, my memory ain't as good as it used to be; and after all it don't matter much. Nothing matters much nowadays!"

And Miss Abby sat down and fell into a doze again, as if all necessity for conversational effort were over.

Cyrus Dabney stood up—a bronzed, bearded giant, with dark eyes and superb stature.

"Ladies, I beg your pardon!" he said. "But I s'posed when I came here I was coming home! I knew nothing of all these changes. I never could have dreamed that my cousins would let this old creature go to the poor-house. I don't know who you are, ladies," with a husky rattle in his throat, "but I thank you, from the very bottom of my heart, for giving her a shelter in her old age. And if money will pay you for it—"

"It will not!" said Mary, sharply, as if the words conveyed a slur.

"No, I s'posed not," said Cyrus, with a sigh. "But I've plenty of money now. The dear old aunt shall live like a queen all the rest of her days, for she was good to me when all the rest set me down for a black sheep. I've made my fortune out in Panama, and I've come home to redeem myself!"

"I have heard of Cyrus Dabney," said Mrs. Miller, gently.

"And I'll venture, ma'am, you heard no good of me," said the young giant, with a short laugh. "I'll not deny that I was a wild boy enough, but there wasn't any actual evil in me, let folks say what they would. And now I've come back a rich man, and there's nobody to bid me welcome home except old Aunt Abby, out of the poor-house."

He could not long have made this statement, however.

All the town was up to bid the rich government contractor welcome to Tewksdown within twenty-four hours. Human nature is human nature everywhere. But Cyrus Dabney cared little for the friendly overtures of the old neighbors.

Aunt Abby was the only person for whom he seemed to care, and his greatest grief was that the old woman refused to leave the old Dabney farm-house to live in the stately brick mansion he built on Prospect hill. And then he asked permission to peek her little bed-room with the curiosities he had brought her from the isthmus, and in tacking up draperies and arranging shells and old silver coins he and Mary unconsciously became friends!

Friends. She never knew that it was anything else, until one day old Aunt Abby took a strange idea into her head. And Mary, holding a rich Oriental cord for Cyrus Dabney to loop into knots for picture frames, heard her introduce Mrs. Miller to a neighbor as "my guest, Mrs. Miller, the mother of the young lady that nephew Cyrus is going to marry!"

Cyrus looked at Mary. Mary dropped the ball of cord and turned crimson.

"Mary," he said, pitiously, "say it shall be so. For I love you! And—and you were good to old Aunt Abby when all the town turned against her. I sometimes think, Mary, that you must be like one of heaven's angels."

And this was how they became engaged.

They still live in the old farm-house, the happiest of married lovers, and Aunt Abby firmly believes that they are all her guests; for to her the world stands eternally still—the world that is so full of bloom and beauty to Cyrus and Mary!

SALUTARY USE OF WATER.

As regards the free use of water under some conditions of the digestive organs, it may be said that no agent can prove safer or more salutary. Those who have morbid conditions of the stomach and bowels which do not so far impair the general vigor as to prevent attention being given to the ordinary duties of life can often use large draughts of water, especially in the morning, with manifest advantage. Obstinate constipation is thereby removed, the normal peristaltic motions of the bowels are restored, and the secretions may be vastly improved. We notice the salutary influence of water-drinking upon many of those who resort to the so-called mineral springs which abound in the country. It is not necessary that these springs should hold abnormal quantities of salts of any kind to effect cures; it is only necessary that the water should be pure. Spring waters that are charged heavily with saline ingredients, like some of those at Saratoga, are positively injurious to nearly or quite all that use them freely.—Popular Science News.

THE SMALL BOY'S OPPORTUNITY.

A youngster on Cass avenue noticed a tall, black bottle on his father's dressing table and asked what it held.

"That, my son, is hair oil," answered his father with a furtive and wandering look, "and its not at all nice for little boys."

The youthful questioner took a sniff of the contents and asked no more information upon the subject. He kept up a good bit of thinking, however. Last Sunday the family entertained some friends at dinner, and there was a plum pudding with brandy sauce. The small boy had found his opportunity. When he was helped to the pudding he seized it up with large eyes.

"Pa," he said, in a loud, shrill tone, as he sniffed the sauce afar off, "the hair oil on this pudding smells awful good."—Detroit Free Press.

Self-distrust is the cause of most of our failures. In the assurance of strength there is strength; and they are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers.—Doree.

The first tear of love that one causes to be shed is a diamond, the second a pearl, the third—a tear.—Poincelot.

An Ideal Woman.

She was my peer;
And life and reason, with her loving heart,
To her possessor, no soft clinging thing
Who would find breath alone within the arms
Of a strong master, and obediently
Wait on his whims in slavish carefulness.
No fawning, cringing spaniel to attend
His royal pleasure, and account herself
Treasured by his pet and petty words.
But a soul woman, who, with insight keen,
Hath wrought a scheme of life, and measured
Her womanhood; had spread before her feet
A fine philosophy to guide her steps;
Had won a faith to which her life was brought
In strict adjustment—brain and heart meanwhile
Working in conscious harmony and rhythm
With the great scheme of God's great universe
On toward her being's end.

—Dr. J. G. Holland.

COUNTING THE COST.

"Are you intending to buy a new sleigh this winter?" asked a mechanic of Charles Wallace, as he met him on the street.

"I have not decided yet. Why?"

"I have some good ones on hand, and I will sell you one at a bargain. Come and see them."

"If I conclude to purchase I will give you a call

WRECKED IN VINEYARD SOUND.

A heart-rending disaster occurred off the Massachusetts coast last Friday morning, in the wrecking of the steamship City of Columbus, which left Boston Thursday afternoon for Savannah, with 87 passengers and 45 officers and men. The vessel was one of the finest on the coast, the night was clear, though the wind was blowing a gale, and all the lights were plainly visible. The steamer was proceeding on her way through Vineyard Sound, when Captain Wright, the commander, went to his stateroom for a short time, leaving the second mate and quartermaster at the wheel. In a few moments, at 3.45 a. m., the vessel struck a reef called the Devil's Bridge, off Gay Head, the extreme western point of Martha's Vineyard. She immediately filled and careened over, the heavy sea breaking in and flooding the port side of the saloon.

The passengers, almost without exception, and many of the crew were below. Most of them rushed at once to the deck with little or no clothing, but so sudden was the catastrophe and so short was the time between the striking of the steamer and its sinking that some of the women and children did not appear at all. The steamer's boats and life rafts were launched as soon as possible, but were almost immediately swallowed by the waves. Then those who remained took to the rigging which was above water, and some who failed to get a foothold there were saved. The suffering endured the next few hours by those in the rigging was terrible. The cold was intense, many of the unfortunate were half-dressed, and all were drenched by the waves which swept over them. When the condition of the steamer was discovered, at Gay Head the life-boat put off bravely and took seven persons from the rigging, one of whom, however, died before reaching the shore. A few hours later the revenue cutter Dexter, going its round of perilous duty, approached the unfortunate steamer and took off the remaining survivors. Of the 132 persons on board, all but 39 perished. Among the lost was Edward T. Rand, one of Boston's oldest lawyers, with his wife, his son, the pastor of a church at Haverhill, and the latter's wife and son. Not a woman or child was saved.

A rescued passenger describing the scene says:

"The greatest confusion ensued, women screamed and prayed, shrieks could be heard above the roar of the sea. The waves were breaking clean over the steamer. I stood for a moment abashed of the companionway holding up a baby over her head. She was shrieking, 'Oh! my baby, my darling baby.' The waves were dashing around her and spray leaped over her head, then a monstrous wave seized her and she was gone. I saw her baby into the sea. I saw men and women struggling with each other in the waves. It seemed as if every one was being swept off the deck into the sea. My room-mate and I took to the rigging where I saw him drop into the sea frozen to death." John White, a sailor, says: "It was fearful the way those women were swept away. Some I saw rush on deck with their husbands, and as the full force of the storm broke upon them, realizing that all was lost, they threw their arms around their husbands' necks and bade them good-by. In a few minutes they were swept overboard, for no power on earth could save them. Not one woman reached the rigging. The waves took them immediately, while the number were probably smothered in their berths."

Among all the sights of this long morning of death and disaster all the survivors admit that nothing seemed so terrible, not even the washing away of women and children by the dozen, as the occasional dropping of the wretched creatures from the rigging into the sea. There was always a hope of rescue so long as a man could cling to the ropes, and during those 11 terrible hours, as one after another faltered and fell to the waves below and drowned in sight of the helpless witnesses, a new thrill of terror would add desperation to the rest.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery, and the two men in the pilot house, who should know the most about it, have gone before a higher tribunal. The dangerous points in the channel had been passed, and the captain had put the vessel on the right course to clear Gay Head. Capt. Wright has always been considered a skillful officer, and his opinion that the vessel struck on an unknown rock has been confirmed by soundings taken on Wednesday, when a hitherto undiscovered ledge was found about 455 yards north of the Devil's Bridge buoy.

Gov. ROBINSON has nominated Lawyer E. B. Lathrop of Springfield as a member of the fish commission.

The state Senate don't like the idea of being preached to by the clergy, and a vigorous attempt is being made to abolish the annual election sermon, with, seemingly, quite a fair prospect of success. The Legislature should not be too hasty in giving up the time-honored custom.

The House of Representatives at Washington has by a large vote passed a bill to repeal all laws prescribing the "iron-clad" oath, which is of little account at the present day, a much milder one having been for some time allowed in cases where, because of service in the rebellion, persons could not take the stronger one.

The terrible disaster off Gay Head is a fresh illustration of the utter inefficiency of the present life preservers, boats, and other life-saving apparatus on a vessel in a case of sudden shipwreck. The doomed steamer was thoroughly equipped with the modern appliances for saving life, but the boats were swamped, and passengers and crew were as helpless and were swept away to their watery graves as swiftly as though there had been neither life preservers nor boat on board. A fortune awaits the man who shall invent a sure and practical means of saving lives in such an emergency, though it would be a difficult matter to protect the sufferers from the bitter cold which was responsible for many of the deaths in this sad calamity.

An empty mail car on the modoc train for Boston caught fire near Worcester Sunday morning, and was burned. No one knew of the fire until the bell rope was burned off, thus severing the connection with the engine. As the train was on a grade, it was easily stopped by the hand brakes, and the burning car separated from the rest and left to its fate.

C. P. Stickney of Fall River, who was so badly burned last week while endeavoring to save his wife, whose clothes were on fire, is better, and will probably recover.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

A desirable boy to have—Ed Ucaton. The Natick Bulletin has been sued for libel. It isn't every paper that can get so much advertising free. Success to you. St. Louis does not appreciate duels. The other day a full-fledged specimen of a thoroughbred duelist appeared on the streets in that city, and the street gamins hooted and yelled at him, pelted him with mud, and made him glad to get out of sight as soon as possible. Eastern cities do not always take the lead in conferring blessings upon the community.

We have received, as have doubtless many of our exchanges, a card from L. L. Smith of the Agents' Herald, a Philadelphia paper purporting to expose frauds, stating that if we will send him a copy of our paper he will look it over and inform us if he detects any fraud or dead-beat advertiser therein. We don't think he will; but think he might be of service to a number of our exchanges.

The printing business in the west must be booming right along, judging from the advertisement of a western publisher this week, in which he wants a "man who understands newspaper and job composition, can rush out jobs, is thoroughly acquainted with press work, can write editorials and do local reporting," for which services he will receive the princely salary of \$45 a month. We want to move west.

"Yes," said the shoemaker, "the drink I took on Dec. 31 was my last. I'm a temperance man for good and evil. Drink was my sole desire a short time ago. Now I'm going to prepare for an upper world. We are running counter to the teachings of morality and religion. I've got an appetite still, it is true, but I expect to be healed of this infirmity by and by. Anyhow, I'm bound to peg away on the new departure, and when I'm vaxing near my end I hope to be able to say I've kept my resolution."—Somerville Journal.

"I, too," said the printer, "shall stick to my new rule and take no more. It is no credit to a man to go on as I have, and having seen a good thing I mean to copy it. As a proof that I mean what I say, just look at my form in a few weeks. I shall be locked up no more, and shall consequently have more coin. Do not press me to take a drink, for in this case I mean to become a type worthy the imitation of all. I have made up my mind it is a capital idea."

An exceedingly bold robbery was committed in the office of the county treasurer at Springfield last Friday afternoon. Shortly after 5 o'clock a man entered the room and asked Treasurer Bridge to change a \$5 bill. Mr. Bridge, who was alone in the room, entered the vault and opened the safe, when three masked men pounced upon him, gagged and bound him, and rifled the safe. As soon as they left the room Mr. Bridge managed to free himself sufficiently to open the window and give an alarm, and a passing policeman chased the men some distance, although not understanding what the trouble was. The rascals got away in safety, firing a couple of shots at their pursuer. They doubtless expected to make a big haul from the safe, but only obtained about \$800 in cash, with some non-negotiable securities. There is no clue to the robbers, but a cambic bag, containing about half of the plunder, was found scattered in the snow in Trask's Water street foundry yard Tuesday.

The fate of the little Boston school girl who recently died from the effects of over-study in an endeavor to reach and retain a high standing in her class, has caused a considerable amount of discussion and comment in the papers in regard to the public school system of that city. And in other states also the subject is being looked into, they having had their eyes opened by this case. There can be no doubt that while few cases result fatally, there are many children whose health is more or less injured by this system of rapidly pushing scholars forward, and encouraging them to do more than their constitutions are able to endure. Be it said, however, that it is the system, and not the teachers, who are at fault. They have a certain course prescribed for their classes, and have no choice but to follow it. Surely there is room for a great deal of improvement in this matter.

Beaver township, O., has for years been infested with a gang who have robbed houses, stolen horses, and done pretty much as they pleased, burning the property of those who testified against them, and threatening them with personal violence. The farmers have now taken the law into their own hands and warned the gang to leave the state. As they refuse to do so, some exciting times are anticipated.

A lot of unpaid Italian laborers on the Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh railroad took possession of the superintendent and paymaster at Alliance, O., last Saturday. They were well armed with knives and threatened serious things, but were finally dispersed by the citizens, who gathered and released the unfortunate officials.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York now has gross assets amounting, upon a gold basis, to \$101,148,243.25—a sum never attained by any moneyed institution in this country, if elsewhere. This amount is within eight millions of dollars of being equal to the entire banking capital of the state of New York.

A woman at Brooklyn, N. Y., bought some arsenic to kill rats with, and put it in a tin can without a label. Her oldest daughter thought it was baking powder, and mixed some with the buckwheat cakes for breakfast. One member of the family has already died, and others are not expected to live.

Benjamin Russell of Schenectady, N. Y., was sentenced to prison for four and a half years for an attempt to kill his wife, she being the principal witness. The day before he went to prison he published a letter stating that he was entirely innocent.

The house surgeon of the State Hospital at New Haven, Ct., Dr. C. A. Gillen, was dishonorably discharged Saturday night for getting in a fit of rage and slapping the face of a woman whose leg he was amputing.

A wealthy young Englishman, who has for some years been traveling in this country, and who lately became insane, jumped from a railroad train near Newark, N. J., last week, and was fatally hurt.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

'Most Valentine time. Quite rainy yesterday. But awful slippery to-day. One needed to be sharp shod this morning. Many of our merchants are busy taking account of stock. Pay day on the New London Northern road last Wednesday. Pretty cool weather to be out looking for the comet these nights.

Remember the open meeting of "Our Club" at Union Hall at 7.30 to-night. Palmer has not been treated to a first-class runaway and smash-up this winter.

A large and pleasant party attended the Congressional social at E. Brown's last Friday evening. The machinery for the manufacture of the Betts ready-made wire fence is in operation this week.

The music of the Palmer Band added much to the enjoyment of the roller skaters last Saturday evening.

A man who got on at Worcester was put off the 5.34 train Wednesday evening so drunk he could not stand up.

W. R. Madison drove from Holyoke to Palmer yesterday afternoon in the rain in one hour and thirty minutes.

A party from this place went to Brimfield pond yesterday on a fishing excursion, and report a good catch of pickerel.

Special meetings have been held at the Congregational church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

Engineer Ham, who was off duty several days on account of sickness, resumed the engine of the boat train on Tuesday.

Persons who were out to church last Sunday evening were treated to a snow storm while the stars were shining brightly.

F. M. Mason has concluded to remain at Westboro and has closed his barber shop at this place. His family joined him this week.

It did not seem so very cold Sunday evening, but Monday morning the mercury was 12° below zero, and frozen water pipes were numerous.

D. W. Mack, baggage-master on the New London Northern road, has been sick with a cold for a few days, and D. E. Robbins is smashing baggage in his place.

Two large loads of school children from out of town, on a sleighride, passed through here Wednesday noon, and the youngsters all seemed to be enjoying it hugely.

At St. Paul's church next Sunday evening, the pastor will give the third evening discourse upon the Beatitudes. Text, "Blessed are they that mourn," etc.

Rev. O. R. Hunt and E. A. Perry last Monday evening addressed a meeting at Union Chapel, Three Rivers, regarding the proposed prohibitory amendment to the constitution.

The rain of yesterday threatened to spoil the sleighing, but Old Prob. blew a cold breath on us last night, and the ice with which everything is covered to-day makes a sleigh slip along "just as easy."

At the prohibition rally in Springfield on Wednesday, David Milliken, O. A. Parent, Rev. Mr. Joy, Rev. Mr. Atkins, Rev. Mr. Clark and Rev. Mr. Hunt were chosen to circulate the petition in this town.

A man at the post office one day this week was quite indignant because the postmaster would not come down one cent and make the postage an even quarter of a dollar on a package he wished to send.

Those persons who signed their names to the subscription list for the \$1500 contribution to the Wire Goods Co., are requested to pay their subscriptions to L. E. Moore, at the Palmer Savings Bank, at once.

D. N. Mahoney, well known here as the conductor of the summer Block Island train on the New London Northern road, has resigned his place and is soon to go to Florida, to take a position under Mr. Bentley in that state.

The good sleighing the first of the week brought out everybody who owned a horse, and many who were compelled to hire. Racing by a number of our local horse owners has made things lively on Main street almost every afternoon.

W. H. Hitchcock has the new building for his roller skating rink at Northampton nearly finished, and expects to have a grand opening in a few days. The building is 65 by 50 feet, with auto rooms, galleries, and a fine floor of hard wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Smith were the victims of a pleasant surprise party Tuesday evening, at their home on the Thorndike road, some twenty or more friends dropping in upon them and helping them to spend a very pleasant evening.

It is said that one young man in town, who has been paying attention to a certain young lady for some time, has received, although not a direct proposal, words to that effect from the fair one, and now has the subject under careful consideration.

The New London Northern Railroad advertises greatly reduced rates to the winter carnival at Montreal. Tickets are good to go from Feb. 3d to 6th inclusive, and returning are good to Feb. 12th, inclusive. The fare for the round trip from Palmer is \$10.

Edward Bates, a former employe of the Weeks House, went to work on the New London Northern road last Friday, but got his thumb smashed the first day while coupling cars. He says he is not discouraged, however, and means to stick to it.

H. A. Northrop has harvested an excellent crop of water crystals for the coming summer's use. A series of minor accidents occurred in the work day before yesterday. Two men, himself one of them, received black eyes, and another a scalp wound from a falling pole.

Henry A. Moore, a former well-known resident of Blanchardville, died suddenly at his home in Worcester on the 17th from heart disease. He went down cellar to attend the furnace, and upon being gone an unusually long time search was made, and he was found dead on the floor.

A young fellow in this place received a note by mail from a young lady one day this week, and the envelope was addressed to him but the name was prefixed with a "Miss." Although it is leap year and the girls have a number of privileges not allowed them at other times, the boys will no doubt prefer to be addressed as "Mr." as usual.

Miss Maggie Mulvihill's birthday on Wednesday was the occasion of a very pleasant surprise by her many friends, who unceremoniously invaded the premises, and to add to the interest of the event left behind them several valuable presents. The evening was enlivened by music and dancing, and the jolly party did not break up until a late hour.

Dr. C. S. Gates, who has had a dental office in Strong's block during the past seven months, has closed his rooms here, and will go to Amherst. He has had a larger practice while here than he anticipated, and goes to Amherst only because of a much better opportunity opened there. The Dr. has made many friends while here who will be sorry to have him go.

The snow storm of last Saturday and Sunday was just what was needed to make splendid sleighing, as the ground was in first-class condition, being hard and smooth. Although not a very great fall, there was enough to cover all the bare spots and bring joy to the hearts of those who own steppers. The coasters also rejoiced, as the sliding was getting rather thin.

The first of a series of "Pastoral Sketches," written for the JOURNAL, by Rev. Moses K. Cross, appears this week. Mr. Cross was a former resident and pastor in Palmer, and will be remembered by many, the older settlers more especially. We published last year an interesting series of reminiscences of his pastorate in this town, and the present one, though it covers another field, will be found none the less entertaining.

The house of George Paul, a little beyond Palmer Center on the Ware road, was burned to the ground last night. The house had not been occupied for some time, and yesterday Mr. Paul was there, trying to dry it out, as some water had got into it. While he was there it caught fire, but with a little help was easily saved, and Mr. Paul left it for the night. About midnight it was again discovered to be on fire, but as it had been burning some time before being seen, nothing could be done to save it. There was \$500 insurance on the building.

The Bohemian Glass Blowers have been the attraction of the week at Wales Hall, and the majority of the people in town have visited them, for the purpose of seeing what wonders can be wrought with glass. They will remain this and to-morrow evenings. To-morrow afternoon there will be a matinee for ladies and children. One of the features of the entertainment is the voting for the prettiest baby in town under four years of age, to whom a fine case of glass work will be given. Each visitor is allowed to cast one vote, and the ballots are to be counted to-morrow evening. At the close of the entertainment last evening the total vote was as follows:

Rita Longley,	144
John Longley,	127
John Longley,	90
John Longley,	84
John Longley,	38
John Longley,	35
John Longley,	24
John Longley,	18
John Longley,	10
John Longley,	3
John Longley,	3
John Longley,	2
John Longley,	1

This evening the best lady dancer will be presented with a fine case of glass work, and at the matinee to-morrow afternoon every visitor will receive a glass present.

DISTRICT COURT. Jan. 21.—Bridget Woodard, drunkenness; paid fine and costs of \$3.83. William Thompson, liquor keeping; case continued until to-morrow.

22.—Louis Duprey, drunkenness; in default of fine and costs of \$5.94 was committed.

Columbus Shearer, drunkenness; paid fine and costs of \$5.44.

24.—John Quirk and John Littlewood, drunkenness; fined \$1 each and costs, \$3.98.

25.—George Colgrove, drunkenness; paid fine and costs of \$4.83.

WILBRAHAM. Perlin Calkins, a former resident of this place, but who went west 18 months ago, was killed by the cars while crossing the railroad track at Kirkland, Ill., a week ago yesterday.

THREE RIVERS. The subject for next Sabbath evening at the Baptist church will be "The sailor and perils of the sea."

Rev. H. L. Hastings, editor of the Christian, will preach in the Union church next Sunday, morning and evening.

BRIMFIELD. The young people of the second church gave an entertainment at the town hall Thursday evening, presenting the drama "Comrades."

James T. Brown and Rev. S. V. McDuffee were chosen delegates and attended the convention at Trinity church, Springfield, to organize for a constitutional amendment on the liquor question.

The committee chosen by the town to contract for the erection of a barn and wing at the town farm have awarded the contract to Richard H. Arnold, who will furnish the lumber and other materials, and have engaged James Harvey to construct the same.

Belchertown. Hawks, Smith & Co. are selling a goodly number of sleighs, and will soon commence building carriages for another season.

The pupils of the high school recently presented the principal with a nice album and several other presents.

The Masonic hall last week was a success financially as well as socially. The socials are held fortnightly, with good attendance.

A benefit supper to D. V. Fuller, the new proprietor of the Belcher House, was given Wednesday evening. One hundred and six couples took supper, and seventy-five couples joined in the dance until the small hours. Mr. Fuller is well calculated to keep a hotel, and it is thought with his companion, a genial, warm-hearted lady, to superintend, that it will merit the patronage of the public.

HAMPDEN. The Scantic company filled their 80-ton ice house two weeks ago with handsome 14-inch ice.

A few of the friends of Rev. Mr. Jones of the Methodist society made him a surprise visit on prayer meeting night last week, and left him \$85 in money and other good things.

O. L. Davis has concluded to leave town, to the regret of many of his friends, who think his place in the neighborhood will be hard to be filled. He has been the good Samaritan of the neighborhood, always ready and willing to accommodate all who wanted aid.

The auction of O. L. Davis brought out a large crowd of people Wednesday from this and surrounding towns. Bidding was brisk and good feeling prevailed. The farming tools, etc., brought good prices; cows from \$22 to \$37.50 and hay \$19.50 and at the close refreshments, elder, etc., were served to the hungry crowd.

NORTH WILBRAHAM. Mrs. B. F. Dyer of Boston is spending a week or two with her daughter. Geo. B. Gates, E. W. Wall and E. H. C. C. are delegates to the temperance convention held in Springfield.

The school children enjoyed a sleigh-ride Wednesday, under the care of Misses Bliss and Brewer, visiting Palmer and the state primary school.

Last Saturday night witnessed the celebrated trial in the breach of promise suit, and the justice of the verdict was attested by nearly all present, as the "heartless wretch" was obliged to furnish refreshments for the whole company, and it may be said to his credit, he paid the fine in full.

The ladies are taking advantage of this "one year in four," and improved the good sleighing by taking to ride a dozen young men and giving them one of Landford Weeks' nice suppers at the Weeks House last Wednesday evening. They will give a grand leap year ball at Liberty Hall this evening with good music, and a large corps of "prevailing aids." All the boys are invited.

WALEs. The selectmen have notified the boys that any more coasting in the streets will be dealt with.

Mrs. Sarah L. Rogers caught her foot in the carpet Wednesday and fell down stairs, cutting her head severely and receiving several bad bruises.

H. E. Shaw and A. E. Hubbard propose to supply the people with pickled this winter. The supply caught on Wednesday was ample for the demand.

N. W. Bradley has sold his fish and oyster business to Orrin Moore, the butcher. Mr. Bradley has won many friends by his manner of dealing since he has been in the business, and if he must sell we are glad to have it go into the hands of such a man as Mr. Moore.

A young man borrowed Town Clerk Royce's team, as it would seem, to take a young lady to ride. As he drove against the steps where several young ladies live, he tipped over, entirely demolishing the sleigh and striking on the ice about 10 feet from where he got out. It is claimed that the horse was frightened by hand sleds in the road.

MONSON. The ladies of the Universalist society gave a social at Central Hall last evening.

A number of our young people went to Palmer Wednesday evening to see the Glass Blowers.

Rev. Albert Hammett will preach in Central Hall next Sunday, morning and evening. Subject of the evening's discourse, "Brotherhood."

The floor in Central Hall has been put in excellent condition for the skating rink to-morrow. The management is to give a masquerade party soon.

Rev. P. W. Lyman of Belchertown delivered a lecture on the "Mound Builders" on Monday evening, at the Academy, to a large and deeply interested audience. Mr. Lyman has a collection of articles taken from the mounds, which he uses to illustrate his lecture. He also uses maps and drawings which assist those who hear him to understand the subject. The lecture contains a large amount of information in regard to the mounds which are scattered so thickly over the entire Mississippi valley from the great lakes to the Gulf it shows the purposes for which the mounds were erected and the very interesting relics which many of them contain. It is not often that we have an opportunity to secure so interesting a lecture.

WARREN. The A. O. H. will net about \$400 from their recent entertainment.

There will be a union temperance meeting at the town hall Friday evening.

The Sons of Temperance hold a basket picnic at the town hall Friday evening.

The teachers held their monthly meeting in the high school room Tuesday evening.

B. F. Tourtelotte was given a house warming by the Odd Fellows Tuesday evening.

The Woman's Board of Missions met with Mrs. Joseph Ramsdell Thursday afternoon.

The Universalist ladies are to present "Mother Goose" and have a basket festival next week.

A class in geometry and history has been added to the evening school with Robert Hastings as teacher.

Messrs. Fagan & Morgan are to open a shop in Quabog block for the purpose of manufacturing shoes.

The young ladies gave a leap year party at the skating rink Thursday evening, paying all the bills. There was music by the orchestra.

The Worcester South Agricultural Society is to hold an institute at the town hall next Monday. Secretary Russell and Maj. H. E. Alvord will speak.

There is some prospect of a new block being put up on the corner of River and Main streets. If so it will improve the looks of the streets.

A couple of strangers in the congregation of one of our churches last Sabbath excited some interest, as a rumor had it that they were looking for a minister.

WARE AND VICINITY. Mrs. Batchelder, who with her husband lost their lives at the wreck of the City of Columbus, was a sister of Mrs. Seth Tucker of Ware.

During the coming week the town will be canvassed for signatures to a petition asking the Legislature to refer to the people the matter of amending the constitution so as to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Charles Hathaway, who for some time has been attempting to beat his living out of the town, has been searched by the overseers of the poor and found to have money and papers representing property sufficient to support himself.

The schools of the village have been favored the past week with visits from Mr. Gardner, who is an old traveler and is now visiting the schools of New England, showing some of his wonderful skill as a mathematician. He has taught school for thirty-five years and speaks several languages fluently. The pupils of our schools have been highly entertained and have no doubt learned that which will be of value to them for years to come.

Geo. W. Davis, aged about 15 years, son of Benjamin F. Davis, who fell upon the ice on Thursday last week, fracturing his skull, died on Saturday morning. The funeral services were held on Monday at the residence and were largely attended. Among those present were many of the scholars of the South street grammar school, of which he was a member. Among the floral tributes was a pillar of white flowers, with the words "Our schoolmate" in blue, presented by the school.

An Indiana physician 60 years old met a widow of 68 for the first time two weeks ago. Last Sunday they were married, but the groom had known the bride so short a time that after he got started for a license he forgot her name, was compelled to return and have her write it on a slip of paper so he could remember it.

The history of the 37th Mass. Regiment is in an advanced stage of preparation, and will probably be in press early in the present year. The compiler is James L. Bowen of Springfield, for the past 12 years connected with the Springfield Republican, and a very popular writer.

The citizens' league of Chicago is lamenting because the grand jurors have been composed of saloon keepers, ballot box stuffers, gamblers, etc., and the consequent inability to get a "crook" indicted, no matter how strong the evidence against him.

It has been decided in the Chicago courts that persons asking for a divorce must have been bona fide residents in the state for one year, and consequently the divorces done-up-in-ten-minutes business, for which that city has become so famous, will be stopped.

A young man at Egg Harbor, N. J., invited his chum to a friendly shooting match, and, after an hour's practice, deliberately shot him through the heart. He then dragged the body to a small stream, concealed it, and left for parts unknown.

A small boy at Marlboro had a cartridge for a whistle, but didn't know it was loaded. One cold morning he set it on the stove to warm it, and he and his sister received some 14 wounds from the flying piece.

By the explosion of a boiler in Wallace's shoe factory at Rochester, N. H., last Friday, four men were killed and a number seriously injured. Too great a pressure of steam was the cause.

An explosion of gas in a three-story Boston building Tuesday completely destroyed the structure, killed two men and injured several others, and shook all the buildings for several blocks.

A woman who helped murder a little girl in Colorado a week ago last Sunday, was taken from jail last Friday night and lynched. This is the first female lynching in that state.

Two men pounded each other senseless in a six-round prize fight near New Brunswick, N. J., Tuesday. The fight was declared a draw, whereupon a free-for-all row took place.

An express train on the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad went off a 20-foot trestle work Tuesday evening, and was completely wrecked. Five passengers were injured.

Sunset Cox has accepted a \$75,000 offer from a Connecticut publishing house to prepare a political history of the country from the time of Buchanan's administration.

At a dime museum in Providence, R. I., one of the Zulus took offense because a boy asked him if he could speak English, and knocked the boy down with his club.

Joseph C. McCready of Washington, 18 years old, was arrested in Boston Sunday

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An Ice Thing.

'Twas moonlight, and the world was white; We were a merry party. We skinned the glassy field that night, Young blood, and spirits hearty; We scored the ice in fancy whirled, Each did his share of prating— Warm-hearted men and bonny girls— The night we went a skating.

Rosa was there, and that was why My heart was like a feather: I crossed her off, but she did shy; We could not come together. Fortune at last was kind and free— I had for months been waiting For just that chance that came to me The night we went a skating.

I could not tell you all the game, For love had made me stupid, But plump into my arms she came— A living, breathing Cupid. She did not shy, she did not scream, She did not start berating, We simply both slid with the stream That night we went a skating.

Since then we've gone through life as one, In every kind of weather— In storm or calm, in rain or sun, Still keeping pace together. And though there's winter on our brows, Love's power is still elating— We'll never forget the hurried vows That night we went a skating.

POSTAGE NOT STATED.

I was tall, overgrown, awkward, and 16, with a pervading consciousness that my hands and feet were very large, and the added misery, in the case of the former members, that they were always red, and I never knew what to do with them when in company. I was making a visit at grandmother's delightful, old-fashioned home, when one morning the dear old lady called me to her.

"Here is something for you, Jim," she said, "an invitation to a children's party at Mrs. Edwards'."

"Children's party," I repeated, with a shade of scorn in my voice, as indicating that I was no longer to be placed in that juvenile category.

"Not children exactly," corrected grandmother, with a smile at my masculine dignity. "Young people I should have said. Mrs. Edwards' daughter, Florence, is 14, and Tom Byrne and all the boys—young men I should have said—with a twinkle of amusement, 'will be there.'"

I had sundry misgivings that I should not enjoy the party at all, being as yet very much afraid of girls, though beginning to admire them as mysterious and fascinating beings. However, I accepted the invitation, as I found all the boys I knew were going, and the party was to be quite a "swell" affair for the village.

When the evening came I found me with the rest, seated in a large parlor, very unhappy because of my arms and hands, which would by no means arrange themselves in any becoming or graceful manner, and extremely bashful, but full of admiration for a lovely black-eyed girl about a year younger than myself, whom I knew to be Tom Byrne's sister.

She sat at some distance from me, but had given me a sweet smile when I first came in, and now from time to time cast glances at me which increased at once my bliss and confusion.

Various games were suggested and played, but were of a quiet character, such as "Twenty Questions," "Proverbs," etc., so that I had no opportunity of approaching any nearer to Mabel, who showed herself very brilliant in her questions and answers during the progress of these intellectual amusements.

Then somebody suggested that we should play "Postoffice."

"Postoffice! what is that? how do you play it?" I whispered to Tom Byrne, my next neighbor.

"Don't you know how to play Postoffice?" he asked, with a scorn of my ignorance. "Oh, well, I suppose you city fellows don't know anything."

"I never heard of this," I assented, quite meekly.

"Well, I'll tell you how it is. A girl asks for some boy, and then you have to ask her how much postage, and if she says one cent, you must kiss her once."

"Oh!" said I.

"Yes," replied Tom, "and you kiss her twice for two cents, and three times for three cents. It's quite fun if it's a pretty girl," he added, judiciously.

"I suppose so," I replied, vaguely.

"But I forgot to tell you," he added, "if she says 'postage not stated,' then you kiss her as often as you like. Hush! they are going to begin!"

"To be sure, one of the oldest boys was appointed postmaster, and one girl after another went out into the entry, each presently knocking at the door asking for a letter, whereon the boy called for sheepishly followed her into the hall, and to judge from the sounds of screaming and scuffling generally followed, paid his postage under considerable difficulty.

I watched the game in a state of bewildered alarm. What if a girl should call on me! But no one did, and I was half disappointed, half relieved, that I was exempt, when at last it was Mabel Byrne's turn to go out.

She left the room with a lovely blush on her beautiful face. The door was solemnly closed upon her, and then after a brief pause there was a faint knock. The postmaster opened the door a few inches.

"What do you want?" he asked.

"There is a letter here," she replied.

"For whom?"

"For Mr. James Hill."

"How much to pay?"

"Postage not stated," was the faint reply.

They all laughed loudly, and looked at me, for that was my name. The blood rushed in crimson floods to my face. I got on my feet somehow, and with my heart torn between a wild desire to go into that hall and a wish to slink utterly away from human kind, I stumbled out of the room. The door was closed behind me, and I

found myself almost in darkness, as the hall was but dimly lighted. I paused a moment, and then I heard the faint sound of quick breathing; another heart was beating as violently as my own. For once in my life I knew what to do with my arms. I caught hold of her. I scarcely know how. The darkness gave me courage, and I held her in a close clasp, and pressed my lips to her cheeks in three or four rapid, half-frightened kisses, before she could free herself from my embrace.

"There! there! Mr. Hill," she said, with a faint, merry laugh, "don't be so bashful again. I'm sure you're bold enough now!"

"Have I paid my postage?" I stammered out.

"Indeed, yes; enough and to spare. Come, let us go back to the parlor."

She led me in a willing prisoner, and the rest of the evening I was her bond slave; her partner in all games, her companion in the dance (wherein I excelled the country boys and gloried in my accomplishment), and at last, crowning delight of the evening, her escort home.

This was all. The next day I returned to my home in the city, and Mabel Byrne became only a memory; strong at first, fainter as time went on, but sweet always. When I saw other girls I compared them mentally with the picture my imagination painted of Mabel, and they never seemed half so fair or half so sweet as she.

But then I did not see many girls. My bashfulness, instead of diminishing, seemed rather to increase upon me as years went by. I avoided society, and was so much a recluse from ladies that my mother was quite worried lest I should become a confirmed old bachelor. Perhaps one reason why I retained my diffidence was that my pursuits were among books and not people. I had made the science of geology my study, and at 27 found myself in a comfortable position as assistant professor in one of our best colleges, the salary of which, with my income added, making me so far at ease that I resolved to devote my summer vacation to making a tour to Europe.

Equipped with bag and hammer, August found me making a pedestrian tour of Switzerland, with a special view to the study of its glacial system and lithology. I avoided all the well-traveled ways, thus escaping the society of other tourists, and I was therefore utterly amazed when one evening as I drew near the little house which was my temporary abiding place, a tall form strode toward me out of the darkness and a hearty voice cried out:

"Jim! Jim Hill!"

"What is it?" I replied, with a half-nervous start.

"Ah! I thought it was my old friend. Have you forgotten Tom Byrne?"

Of course not, for I had met him occasionally since we were boys, and I was heartily glad to see my former comrade, always one of my best companions.

"I saw your name on the book at the inn," he explained; "was sure it must be you. At any rate I thought I would start out to meet you."

"But how came you here?" I inquired, "in this way out of the way corner of the world?"

"Because it is out of the way; Mabel and I are making a trip in search of the picturesque. You know she is quite an artist."

So Mabel was with him. My heart gave a curious thump, and for a moment I could hardly make a sensible reply.

"Yes," he went on; "she is so devoted to her art that it seems to quite absorb her life. She has not thought of marriage, and does not care in the least for the ordinary run of society. She will be glad to see you though," he added, consolingly, "as you are a man of science."

We walked back together to the little inn, and presently I was shaking hands with a stately and beautiful woman, whose bright, dark eyes flashed with the strange intensity and fire that I had never seen in any other eyes but those of Mabel Byrne.

She greeted me very cordially, and after we had taken an evening meal together there followed a delightful evening in the little parlor that Tom and his sister had secured.

For once in my life I felt myself quite at ease in a lady's society. In the first place there was Tom to keep me in countenance by a predominance of my own sex; in the company, then Mabel did not expect me to talk of airy notions, that light foam of the social whirlpool which I never yet had been able to skid. She spoke first of my scientific pursuits; she showed so much knowledge of the subject that I really found myself talking with earnestness and enthusiasm of the country and especially of the glacial system and the curious marks of its action borne by the specimens I had collected.

She in turn contributed to the evening's interest by telling me of her work, and showing me her sketches, which were really of a very high order of artistic merit. There was no school girl weakness in her handling of the brush, but a force and poetic thought that had won her already honorable recognition in the world of art.

"And you have never heard of Mabel's paintings until now?" asked Tom.

"No," I confessed. "You know I have been quite absorbed in my special studies."

"Yes, and have not seen Mabel for ever so long, have you?"

"No," I replied, "not since the summer two years ago, when I was at grandmother's."

"Jolly times we had, too," said Tom, reflectively. "Remember that party at Mrs. Edwards'?"

A sudden rush of blood to my face utterly confused me. I stammered a reply, and Tom, to my relief, went on with some rambling reminiscences. It was some seconds before I dared look at Mabel. Surely she was blushing, too.

The next morning we all went on a trip up the slopes of the mountain. Mabel in short, gray suit, alpine hat and stout boots,

Tom carrying her drawing materials. Thus we made this and many another delightful expedition.

Life took on new colors for me. There was a radiance and glory about it that I had never dreamed of before. Every day I found fresh reason for admiring my beautiful companion, and our walks through the deep valleys and up the rough mountain sides were to me like enchanted journeys through a realm of fairies. In this loveliest country in the world, with this glorious woman by my side, I was, indeed, as one transfigured by the light of the grand passion that took possession of my soul.

At first I knew not what had befallen me. I thought my only pleasure in Mabel's society sprang from a similarity of tastes and pursuits, and the charm of her conversation; but gradually I awoke to the overwhelming fact that I loved her with the one great love of my life, that seemed to me now to date from the days of long ago, to have been always with me, and to stretch out into the future to make it transcendently glorious, or long despair.

And yet, as soon as I learned my own secret, my former bashfulness came back upon me with ten-fold intensity, and I found myself often embarrassed in her presence, while at the thought of telling her my heart's story, though my brain was smitten through and through with dazzling delight at the dream of successful wooing, yet I was so overwhelmed that utterance would, as I was sure, be an impossibility.

And Mabel? Her eyes were very kind to me. They turned to me with a softened lustre that thrilled me with hope; and yet, if I attempted even a compliment, I blushed, floundered and was lost.

One evening we were talking of all manner of subjects, grave and gay, and so strayed to marriage in general, and especially to the matrimonial lot of some of our old friends.

"You remember Boyd, don't you, Hill?" asked Tom.

"Tall, bashful fellow like me?" I added.

"Yes," replied Tom, laughing. "He married Miss Cutting, our former school teacher. I always thought that she proposed to him."

"Sensible girl!" I exclaimed. "I think it is positively a woman's duty sometimes to help the man out. You remember that book of the late Dr. Horace Bushnell, published some years ago, called 'A Reform against Nature?' In it he denounced the whole woman's rights movement, but maintained that every woman ought to have the right to propose marriage to the man she liked. I think he was scientifically correct."

I spoke with great earnestness, looking always at Tom; but at the last words my glance turned to Mabel. Her eyes were fixed on mine, and the look I met there sent the blood to my heart with such a swift, tumultuous rush that I grew faint with confusion, and presently rushed out of the room and to bed—though not to sleep.

The next day I went out in the afternoon by myself for a scramble through a damp and very rough gorge, where Tom and Mabel did not care to accompany me. I was half glad to be alone, for I was nervous over my audacity of the night before; yet the thought of Mabel's kindly eyes so overwhelmed me with blinding happiness that I had to look many times at a bit of rock before I could see the strata that denoted glacial action.

It was late sunset when I reached the inn. The rosy light was flushing the distant mountain peaks with that marvelous beauty which is one of the wonders of the Swiss scenery. I made my way without pause to Mabel's parlor, led there by a force that seemed to draw me by power beyond my control. The room was quite dark and she was alone. As I entered she came toward me with a quantity of letters and papers in her hand.

"These came while you were away," she said.

Mechanically I took the papers. Among them there was a large package on which I dimly discerned the word "due," followed by an illegible stamp.

"You have paid something on this," I said. "How much was it?" and looked up.

"Postage not stated," replied Mabel. Promptly, smilingly she uttered the words. Then her dark eyes softened and faltered. The papers and letters were scattered over the floor. I caught her in my arms with all the audacity that had been mine once before in my boyish days.

Only now, as I pressed passionate kisses on her brow and lips, I found voice at last to utter the yearnings that were consuming my heart.

HE HAD ENOUGH.—"How much are them a quart?" a countryman asked, as he picked up a strawberry in front of a fruit store on Chestnut street and swallowed it.

"Fifty cents apiece."

"What?" shouted the countryman.

"Fifty cents apiece. Try another; they are nice and fresh."

"No," he replied, as he handed over half a dollar; "I've had all the strawberries I want."—*Exchange.*

AN EXACTING CREDITOR.—"Will you ever pay that bill you owe me?"

"Oh, yes, sooner or later."

"That's all very well, but I want you to set a time. I want to know for certain when it will be paid."

"Well, if you want me to be exact about it, I'll say—later."—*Texas Sittings.*

JOE BEING RATHER REMISS in his Sunday-school lesson, the teacher remarked that he hadn't a very good memory. "No, marm," said he, hesitatingly, "but I have a first-rate forgettery."

A lady who had read that "it's lucky to pick up a horseshoe," picked up one in a blacksmith shop. The suddenness with which she dropped it showed that it was not lucky.

Subsequently.

I haven't the slightest objection to seeing her round so, with Jack. She didn't possess my affection; of hers I shall not feel the lack!

I merely considered her pleasing. And several intimate friends of mine, I found out, I was teasing.

By hearing her round. I depend on how many fellows she makes. How much you can fancy a dame; to make them pull out their monstaches.

With envy's a beautiful game. But, seeing them passing together. The thought to me clanged to occur. To look in my desk and see whether I hadn't a letter from her.

I found one! It reeked with devotion As fervent as woman could pen; I really believe she'd a notion That she was in love with me then.

"Tempora mutantur," you know. Allowing for that, it reads queerly. This letter I'm looking at, though! Let's see: 'Tis the last of December—The weeks disappear like a flush—'Tis dated the fifth of December.

She signed it: "Forever yours, 'dash.'"

—*Boston Post.*

WHERE THE OLD MAIDS COME IN.

"Do you know, sir," inquired an American tourist of his companion, while doing England, "can you inform me the reason for the fresh, healthful appearance of the English people? Their complexion is far superior to ours or our countrymen over the herring-pond."

"Well, I know what Professor Huxley says."

"And what reason does he advance?"

"Well, Huxley says it is all owing to the old maids."

Owing to old maids! You surprise me."

"Fact. Huxley figures it out this way. Now, you know the English are very fond of roast beef."

"But what has that to do with old maids?"

"Go slow. This genuine English beef is the best and most nutritious beef in the world, and it imparts a beautiful complexion."

"Well, about the old maids?"

"Yes, you see the excellence of this English beef is due exclusively to red clover. Do you see the point?"

"All but the old maids. They are still hovering in the shadows."

"Why, don't you see? The red clover is enriched, sweetened and fructified by bumble-bees."

"But where do the old maids come in?"

"The inquisitive American, wiping his brow wearily.

"Why, it is as plain as the nose on your face. The only enemy of the bumble-bee is the field-mouse."

"But what have roast beef, red clover, bumble-bees and field-mice got to do with old maids?"

"Why, you must be very obtuse. Don't you perceive that the bumble-bees would soon become exterminated by the field-mice if it were not for—"

"Old maids?"

"No, if it were not for cats, and the old maids of Old England keep the country thoroughly stocked up with cats, and so we can directly trace the effects of the rosy English complexion to the benign cause of English old maids; at least that's what Huxley says about it, and that's just where the old maids come in. Science makes clear many mysterious things."

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

The Legislature enjoyed its annual dinner at Young's Wednesday evening, both branches being well represented, and some good speeches being made.

Gov. Robinson has removed from the state police force Thomas Drohan of Brockton, one of Gov. Butler's appointees. The removal was made upon the representation of the district attorney that a change was demanded in the interests of the public.

The Senate of the United States has adopted a rule allowing every senator not a chairman of a committee \$6 a day during sessions for a private secretary. Committee clerks serve in that capacity for the chairmen. Some of the senators doubtless need a private secretary; others do not; and some of them will very likely draw the extra per diem and continue to act as their own secretaries.

The bill to abolish the annual election sermon has passed the Senate by a large majority, and it is thought that it will go through the House. The Senate has also passed the bill establishing a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Worcester has fought this project vigorously, but it passed by a vote of 22 to 9, and will undoubtedly get a good majority in the House. A majority of the committee on street railways has reported in favor of the Meigs scheme for an elevated railroad between Cambridge and Bowdoin Square, Boston.

Gov. Butler would not re-appoint Charles F. Donnelly, one of the most competent and efficient members of the board of health, lunacy and charity, last year, because he was not a follower of our various governors. This foolish mistake has now been rectified by Gov. Robinson, who has nominated Mr. Donnelly to fill the vacancy on the board occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Robert T. Davis of Fall River. The governor has also nominated Mrs. Eliza L. Homan of Boston as a member of the board of prison commissioners, to succeed Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, who has become the matron of women's prison.

ROGER AMERO, who has been in jail nearly nine months on the charge of murdering Mrs. Carlton at East Watertown last March, was discharged from custody last Saturday, the prosecution admitting, at last, that there was not sufficient evidence to convict him. During this period his aged uncle has been kept in jail as a witness, and Amero now returns to his home in Nova Scotia to find his brother and two sisters insane from brooding over the shame and injustice of his arrest and confinement. This is all wrong. Better that a guilty man should go free than that an innocent one should be imprisoned and advertised before the world for months as a murderer.

ANOTHER bank official has gone wrong. T. G. Abbott, cashier of the Union Market National Bank of Watertown, disappeared last Saturday, with over \$30,000 of the bank's funds. Speculation and fast habits are supposed to have led to the defalcation. A strange feature of the case is the inexplicable course of the directors of the bank in continuing Abbott in his position after it had come to their knowledge that he had forged a check for \$800 last August, to use as an asset in passing an examination by the bank examiner. Abbott explained the "mistake" as best he could, promising never to do so again, and the directors good naturedly forgave him, though the president of the savings bank compelled him to resign the treasurership of that institution, which he also held at that time.

John D. Ash, a young man bound out from the Monson State Primary School to R. W. Crocker, a harness maker of Vineyard Haven, has complained to the state board of charities that Crocker is in the habit of horribly abusing the boys who work for him, giving them impossible tasks to do, and beating them severely if they are not finished, or upon the slightest pretext. The board is looking into the matter.

A daring robbery was committed in Pittsboro, Pa., Tuesday morning. The burglar entered a jewelry store while the proprietor was out and his wife was in a rear room. The woman, coming back, discovered the man and gave an alarm, but he drove her back at the muzzle of a revolver, and locking her in made off with some \$1500 worth of goods.

On Monday morning the Boston & Albany Railroad issued notices to the effect that on February 1st the pay rolls at their shops would be reduced 25 per cent. This is accomplished by discharging 5 per cent of their employees and reducing the hours to 8 per day. This is necessitated by the state of business, which is just now extremely dull.

A laborer on the Washington water works was buried by the caving in of a shaft on Saturday, and could not be dug out for ten hours, when he was found to be dead. He could be heard calling for help until they had almost reached him.

Savannah, Ga., does not take kindly to the new standard time. It tried it for awhile, but on the strength of a large petition the city government has decided to return to the old local time, and the clocks have been set 36 minutes ahead.

The latest thing in double-rippers in New York state is one which has foot rests, cushions and strong brakes which operate by a wheel. A cow-catcher is added to the front sled, and the whole thing resembles a small railroad train.

A severe storm took place in England and France Saturday night. Trees were uprooted, houses unroofed, lamps and windows smashed, telegraph wires blown down and much damage done.

Anderson and Sydney, the two boys of 18 and 21, who murdered a 17-years-old lad last August for the sum of eighteen dollars, were hanged at Mt. Vernon, Ind., last Friday morning.

H. H. Post, a St. Louis Sunday school superintendent and church treasurer, attempted suicide the other night because he had embezzled \$5300 from his employer.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

"Not at home," as the burglar's wife said when the policeman called.

No matter how much after 12 p. m., a man may stay out he always gets in early.

The double runner is fast superceding the toy pistol as an engine of death among the young—Gardner News.

A New York man has just paid \$4000 for a dog. At this rate it will not be long before sausage will be a luxury, even to the rich.

Now the weary paragrapher,
With vain endeavor spent,
Doth muster up his lagging thoughts
And springs a gag on Lent.

A Troy laundress wore a \$750 sealskin sacque the other day while delivering the week's wash to her customers. And still the howl goes up that the young man does not pay his washerwoman.

Considerable comment has been elicited because Frederick Douglass married a white lady. Is the rest of the crowd all jealous, or did they think Fred was going to marry to suit them instead of himself.

The young men of to-day who have to pay several dollars for a 3 by 4-inch Christmas or birthday card will be glad to know that they were in use in the 15th century, and no doubt were as expensive as now.

"Owing to the severity of the season I shall be compelled to raise the price of milk," remarked the dealer in lactical fluid. "What! is your pump frozen up so hard you can't thaw it out?" queried his customer.

A sewing machine agent who had a row with his wife told her that she ought not to object to his smoking as long as she used the Weed, or to his playing the cornet if she runs a Singer, or to his going to the club if she has a New Home of her own. He hopes now his Domestic life will be more enjoyable.

Brother McCabe of the *East Boston Argus* has turned his attention to religious topics, and favors his readers with an editorial on the Salvation army. We infer he has probably got through with Hubbard. —*Southbridge Journal*.

Perhaps it is his intention to turn the attention of the Salvation army Hubbardward.—*Waltham Record*.

Gentlemen, it is doubtless you who need the attention of the Salvation army. Beyond a slight tardiness we have no trouble with Mr. Hubbard.

THE HATEFUL THING.

The subject of ages was being discussed at a little social gathering, and Miss DeSmyth dared the rest to tell their ages. Each in turn parted with that secret so dear to woman's heart until it came to Miss Higgliver, who said:

"I blush to own that I was twenty-one on my last birthday."

"I should think you would," remarked Miss DeSmyth, loud enough for all to hear. "The last 29th of February was four years ago."

On the morning of November 28, M. Cornu, the French astronomer, observed at Courtenay, that rare phenomenon, a white rainbow, an account of which he has lately furnished to the French Academy of Sciences. The sun, which was very pale, rose in the midst of level bands of cloud. A thick hoar frost covered the grounds and a light fog thinly veiled the sky, which was clear of clouds toward the zenith. Opposite the sun a great white arc without a trace of iridescence was figured on the fog.

A good-looking Waterbury, Ct., girl thought to make her complexion more brilliant by the use of arsenic. For a time the plan worked well, but she was taken sick a few days ago, and is not likely to live in consequence of the large quantities of poison absorbed by her system.

The New York World has been sued for \$150,000 damages for libel. The claimant is a rich Wisconsin woman, whose husband died a year ago under suspicious circumstances, and the suit is because of an article published throwing doubt upon the manner of his death.

In the Boston west-bound freight pool the Fitchburg 23, the Central Vermont 17, and the New York & New England 16. The Boston & Albany road is dissatisfied and has appealed for a larger share of the earnings.

William Coombs, a man living near Elgin, Ill., attempted to cut his wife's throat last Friday, and succeeded in wounding her knife. In her agony she snatched the knife from his hand and gave him a stab which proved fatal.

An Italian family in New York last week found a package on the street and pronounced it flour. It proved to be rat poison containing a considerable quantity of arsenic, and all were made sick, one dying, from eating of it.

The late Mr. Holloway, the pill-maker, was a man of precise and methodical business habits. He always used to pay every one of his employees every night, and insisted upon transacting all his business on a cash basis.

A 17-year-old boy in New Orleans, whose father's house was on fire, rushed in and carried his little brother and sister out in safety, but on returning for some clothing was overcome by the smoke and burned to death.

The funeral of Dr. Edward Lasker, the German statesman who died in this country a few weeks ago, was held at Berlin Monday. Although a stormy day, some 10,000 people followed the coffin to the grave.

The state prison buildings at Stillwater, Minn., were entirely consumed by fire a few nights ago. The prisoners, numbering some 300, were taken out under guard and lodged in other places.

Benjamin C. Horsford of Hartford, attempted to keep up the family record by trying to shoot his wife Monday evening. Two of his brothers have shot and killed people.

Last Saturday morning was the coldest this winter at North Thetford, Vt. The thermometer got down to 39° below, and Saturday night was nearly as cold.

An oiler in the engine room at the Brooklyn bridge was caught in the fly wheel of the engine Tuesday morning and killed, his body being horribly mangled.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Wheels again.

Good-by, sleighing.

The coasting is played out.

Elder A. Morse of Union, Ct., will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

Miss Jennie Eager is spending a few weeks with friends in New Haven.

Rev. Mr. Jones of New Haven preached at the Congregational church last Sunday.

The Congregationalists have a social at the residence of John Foster this evening.

Rev. Lester Williams of Springfield will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday.

The next meeting of "Our Club" will be with Rev. E. A. Perry one week from this evening.

The Universalists had a social at the residence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Perry, Wednesday evening.

Shall we have a fancy dress party at the rink here this season? There are many who would like one.

E. J. Wood of this place has secured a patent on a book holder, which is said to be a very good thing.

E. S. Gibbons has sold his boot and shoe store to H. A. Clark, formerly well-known in the shoe business here.

Mrs. Hubbard Lawrence fell on the ice while returning from church last Sunday, and received quite a bruise over one eye.

A delegation from Palmer Lodge, I. O. O. F., paid a visit to De Soto Lodge at Springfield last evening, returning by an extra car attached to a freight train.

The town is being canvassed this week for signatures asking the Legislature to submit to the people the question of a prohibitory amendment to the constitution.

Express messenger Crawford was fortunate enough to find a gold watch, chain and charm in the snow on a Brattleboro street just before he started for home last Saturday afternoon.

A grand sleigh-ride to Ware, a supper at the Hampshire House and a visit to the Glass Blowers was planned for this week, and took place last evening with a large attendance (four couples), who report a good time.

The large black Newfoundland dog owned by Mr. W. French for many years, had to be killed this week. He was taken sick, and as there seemed to be no hope of his recovery, Mr. French shot him to end his misery.

Mrs. J. H. Woolrich, accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Grosvenor of Ludlow, started yesterday for Avon, N. Y., to try the health-giving sulphur water at the excellent sanitarium of Allen & Carson, where Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown are also stopping.

Gov. Robinson visited the State Primary School at Monson last Saturday, coming alone and unheralded. He made a thorough examination of the institution, and is understood to have expressed himself as well pleased with its condition and workings.

The ladies of the Baptist society made choice of these officers for the ensuing year, at their social on Wednesday evening: President, Mrs. L. G. Parkhurst; vice president, Mrs. P. M. Shearer; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Fuller; treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Fisk.

A few of the friends of Miss Jennie Kenerson made her a surprise visit last evening. The company had a splendid time and left among other things, as reminders of her birthday, a five-pound box of that article dear to the heart of every young lady—chocolate creams.

Rev. E. Owen, pastor of the Baptist church at Lyndon, Vt., formerly a resident of Three Rivers, has been on a brief visit in town this week. Mrs. Owen was severely bruised the other morning by falling down a flight of stairs, but was fortunate in escaping without any broken bones.

Although this is the shortest month of the year, we mean to give you your money's worth in that time, and will issue five JOURNALS, introducing the month with the first one, and bidding it good-by with the last one. Remember this, as it is a fact which will probably not occur again in your life time.

The express train from Boston, due here at 1:29 p. m., did not arrive until about five o'clock Tuesday, on account of a smash-up at Ashland, necessitating the transfer of the passengers and baggage around the wreck. The 6:37 New York express also came in late by an hour and a half, in consequence.

The mills at Three Rivers, Thorndike, Bondsville, Ware and West Warren are to run on half time this month, this course being adopted to avoid a reduction of wages. The mills have run on short time more or less the past few months on account of low water, and this reduction of time cannot be very welcome to the operatives.

The janitor in the bank building got slightly excited when he went to fix the furnace fires about six o'clock Wednesday evening, and imagined he could hear burglars walking around in the bank's rooms. He immediately telephoned the officials and mounted guard on the sidewalk with a lantern until their arrival. It is needless to say that it was a false alarm.

It is a curious fact, but about three-quarters of all the women drivers, when they want to stop at a store, will drive along the other side of the street until opposite the place where they wish to stop, then drive square across and leave the horse with his nose against the hitching post and the back end of the conveyance out in the middle of the street.

The citizens in that part of the town north of Park street rejoice in the much improved condition of that and Pleasant street by the introduction of the sewer since last winter. A year ago it was almost impossible to cross Park street after a heavy rain or thaw, but now the crossings and streets are free from water, and persons living on the north side of those streets are not obliged to wade through 8 or 10 inches of water or stay at home.

A very careless individual left a package containing railroad bonds to the amount of \$1500 on a seat in the waiting room at the

depot last Friday afternoon, while he went outside to assist some friends who were leaving on the train. On his return they had disappeared. Springfield and Hartford were immediately telegraphed, and in a short time the thief was arrested at the latter place, too drunk to know what he was about. The stolen property was all recovered.

Some 40 of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. French made them a surprise visit at their home on Maple street Tuesday evening, it being the 16th anniversary of their marriage. The affair was carefully planned, and was what is so often found lacking in so-called surprise parties, a complete surprise and a perfect success. The company presented Mr. French with an easy chair, and his wife and little girl each a willow rocker. About \$25 in money was also given, and after a very pleasant evening the company departed.

The entertainment for the benefit of St. Thomas Catholic church, which has been in preparation for several weeks, will be given next Wednesday evening at Wales Hall. Part first will consist of instrumental and vocal music by local and other talent; part second will be an operetta, "New-Year's Eve," by the children of the Sunday school; a laughable farce in one act, "Done on Both Sides," will constitute part third, after which there will dancing, with music by Munger's Orchestra. The programme is being carefully rehearsed, and will undoubtedly be very enjoyable.

Landlord Weeks, at the Weeks House, has entertained three sleigh-ride parties this week. Monday evening the annual party from Springfield came out on turners, enjoyed a good supper, and returned about midnight by special train. Judging from the manner in which the names were entered on the register, the party were "in for a racket." "J. A. Rm Kill," "Old man Hyde," and others to the number of 36, were among the party. Wednesday evening Father Kelley's choir of Monson had a sleigh-ride, ending with a supper and dance at this hotel. Last evening about 75 of the Sunday school of Father Moran's church, Ware, came down and enjoyed a supper and dance.

Owing, no doubt, to the other attractions on the same evening, the meeting of "Our Club" was not very fully attended last Friday evening. Those who were there, however, were all deeply interested in the subject which was being discussed, the history of our town. Interesting papers were read by Drs. W. H. Stowe and O. P. Allen, the latter treating of the country in the early days—years before their settlement—and of the first settlers, while the other dwelt more upon the early records of the town. The meeting accomplished much in awakening an interest in the history of our town, and another will probably be held before long. Next week we will publish the paper read by Dr. Allen.

A nice young man of this town took one of Palmer's pretty girls for a sleigh-ride one day this week, and arriving at a neighboring town the sight of a restaurant suggested "oysters for two" to the mind of the young gallant. They were duly disposed of, and the couple started to continue their ride, when—imagine it if you can—the gentleman discovered that in changing his clothes he had neglected to change his purse, and consequently had no money. Furthermore, he had no acquaintance with the proprietor of the restaurant. He, however, explained the matter, and as "mine host" knew him by name, he was allowed to depart. Upon his arrival home he immediately returned and settled, offering large inducements to have the matter kept quiet. It was too good to keep, however, and has leaked out much to the amusement of the "boys."

The fair of the Universalist society came to a successful close last Saturday evening. The Bohemian Glass Blowers were a great attraction, and the manner in which they worked the glass, and the many wonderful things made from it elicited much admiration. The prize to the most graceful lady dancer was awarded to Mrs. Southwick on Friday evening, and on Saturday evening to Miss Nellie Lynch. John Homer took the prize as being the best gentleman dancer. Saturday evening the voting for the handsomest baby in town waxed fast and furious. When at last the polls were closed there was a dispute between the friends of the leading candidates, those of the defeated one claiming that the last and winning bunch of votes was not put in according to the rules. The management, however, decided that it was all right, and Miss Ruth Ruggles was awarded the prize. About \$100 will be cleared for the town clock.

SOME BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY.

Mr. Editor:—Many reading people seek only interesting books. If they can find those both instructive and interesting, they feel more than satisfied. Such select novels on general principles, feeling sure they will at the least be interesting. Some of such would as readily read other books could they be assured of their interesting character. Our catalogue does not particularize sufficiently well for one to judge of the quality of a book. Titles to books are often misleading, or contain not a hint of the character of their contents. It is a question whether the former way of giving titles to books is not preferable to the modern. Then the full character of the book, its line of thought, etc., was stated on the title page; now the shortest possible title is selected, whether or not it is at all fitting.

The undersigned, with the advice and consent of others connected with the library, hopes from time to time to call attention to readable books in the different departments of our library. He does not anticipate that there will be entire agreement between himself and others, nor that he can cover the entire field. Only such books will be referred to as he himself has read or can otherwise vouch for. He simply hopes in this way to make our well-selected little library more useful than it now is.

First, I wish to call attention to a number of historical works which are well worth reading by all. The finest and most interesting history ever written is Green's History of the English People. This makes little note of dynasties or wars, but makes much note of the progress of the people in art, science, civilization, religion, etc.

When McMaster completes his history of the American people the facts of our real history will be before us in similar shape.

I mention other exceedingly interesting and valuable histories as follows: Prescott's Conquest of Peru and Mexico, Motley's Rise of the Dutch Republic, Frothingham's Rise of the U. S., Justin McCarthy's History of Our Own Times, Parkman's Conspiracy of Pontiac, Guizot's History of Civilization, Lecky's History of European Morals, Tyler's History of American Literature, Ellis' Evacuation of Boston, Hughes' Scouring of the White House, Collier's Story of Liberty.

For once give up a novel and take a history.

E. A. P.

SCAPES OF TOWN HISTORY.

Everyone knows with what eagerness the woman of to-day, as soon as she receives the local paper, turns to the column containing the births, marriages and deaths. The following, copied from the records of the town, will no doubt prove as interesting to them as though they concerned people of the present time, instead of those who lived a century and a half ago:

BIRTHS.

William Scott Son of Wm Scott Junr and Abigail Scott was born on Saturday the 22nd day of December 1740 about forty minits before one of ye Clock at Night. February ye 14th 1749-50. Margaret Scott the Daughter of William Scott Junr & Abigail Scott was born on Tuesday ye 11th day of December 1740 about forty minits before one of ye Clock in the Morning. John Scott Son of William Scott Junr & Abigail Scott was born on Wednesday the 22nd day of April at Twenty minits after four in the morning. Ann Doolittle 1722. Calvin Scott Son to William Scott Junr & Abigail Scott was born on Saturday the 22nd day of April 1749-50. William Scott Son to William Scott Junr and Sarah Scott was born on Saturday the 22nd day of April 1749-50 about one of the Clock in the after Noon.

It will be seen by the above that the records were very exact, enabling a parent to tell precisely, to a second almost, how long a child lived, as is shown below:

DEATHS.

Margret Scott the Daughter of William and Abigail Scott departed this Life November ye 11th 1748 with the mortal Throat Disemper aged one year Eleven months Sixteen hours and Twenty minits. Lieutenant Samuel Doolittle departed this Life on Saturday ye 21st day of July 1748 after a Short Illness of two or three Days; And was Decently Interred on the day following after ye afternoon service at being the Sacrament. Day A Multitude of people respectfully attended ye Funeral.

In those days, when it was customary to publish in church the intentions of those contemplating matrimony, many were the curious forms and expressions used in these notices. Here is one:

PUBLISHED.

Nicholas Moore and Lydia Night of this Town Entered for Publishing, in order for marriage December ye 11th 1753.

The next, taken from the records of a town meeting held almost a hundred years ago, seems to show that even the good old town of Palmer once held slaves in its own name:

March 8th 1755 The Selectmen gave an order to Patrick Watson for the Sum of Four pounds six Shillings and three pence in full Balance of the debt which the Town of Palmer Owed the said Watson for the Negro man he Bought of Redwell for said Town.

THREE RIVERS.

H. L. Hastings of Boston will preach at the Union church again next Sunday.

BRIMFIELD.

A. J. Daniels has received his commission as postmaster at East Brimfield, and the people there now receive their mail daily by the Southbridge and Palmer stages.

On account of the severe rain the young people had only a small audience at their presentation of the drama "Comrades" Thursday evening, the 24th, and they repeated the same on Monday evening to an audience of about two hundred.

BONDSDVILLE.

The Methodists have held extra meetings for the past few weeks. The interest has constantly increased, there have been several conversions, and the general result has been good.

The Sparkling Water Division of the Sons of Temperance accepted an invitation from the Ware Division to attend a social held by the latter last Wednesday evening. The division was represented by twenty-one members, and notwithstanding the storm, all had a good time, and were thoroughly paid for going.

WILBRAHAM.

Dr. Fox is soliciting subscriptions for the Gay Head Indians.

Rev. M. S. Howard preached at Milford, his old home, last Sunday.

Prof. B. Gill preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning.

The Willing Workers meet at the Congregational parsonage to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Mears and her daughter, Mrs. D. Scofield of Boston, started for Florida on Thursday to be absent several months.

The Farmers' club met with James Cooley Monday evening and discussed the subject of "Horses." Essays were read by Henry Wynn, Dr. Foster and M. F. Beebe.

The day for prayer was observed by union services in the reading room at the brick school house and preaching at the Memorial church in the afternoon by Rev. Mr. Buell of Hartford.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Dr. Fox will preach at the chapel at 5 o'clock Sunday.

The ladies of Grace Chapel will hold their seventh annual turkey supper Wednesday evening, February 13th.

The paper mill was shut down Tuesday night and Wednesday forenoon because of a break in the water wheel which runs the pumps.

If the weather and sleighing are propitious a party will go to Monson this evening (Friday) to enjoy the pleasures of the skating rink and a supper at the Monson House. Thursday evening Mrs. E. W. Wall met with quite a painful accident, falling down the cellar stairs. Fortunately no bones were broken, but she received severe bruises.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held its annual meeting with Mrs. W. L. Collins on Wednesday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. H. Cutler; vice president, Mrs. S. W. Mowry; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Wall; directors, Mrs. F. S. Stebbins, Mrs. J. A. Parker and Misses Laura Knowlton and Lizzie Collins.

WARREN.

The new mail which leaves on the 10:44 express is a great accommodation to those sending letters south and west.

Miss Moulton, teacher of the intermediate school in this village, has been obliged to resign on account of ill health, and Miss Mowry of West Brookfield takes her place. An omnibus load went to South Brookfield Thursday evening to attend the dedication of the new library building. It is

to be hoped that Warren may be as fortunate, and some liberal-minded person give funds for a new building.

The thief-detecting society, which has been one of our institutions for a number of years, has decided to disband, and as there is a large sum of money on hand, much interest is felt as to how it will be appropriated. It is hoped there will be public spirit enough in the remaining members to vote it to some of the public institutions of the town.

The Warren branch of the New England Milk Producers' Association met in the town hall Monday morning and afternoon. Speeches were made by gentlemen from abroad, and much discussion on the subject took place. Frank Gleason and Allen Day, as delegates, attended the convention which was held in Boston Tuesday. A large number took dinner at Brigham Hall, Joyce being the caterer.

WALES.

The Doctor is watching to see the milk-cart on legs tip over some of these slippery mornings.

There is considerable complaint made about boys and girls coasting evenings on hand sleds at the upper part of the village, and the selectmen are on their track and say they mean business.

Samuel Rockwell of Stafford Springs has been drawing some large loads of wood here this winter. He promised the "boys" he would show 'em an eight-cord load some day, and a week ago yesterday he was better than his promise, as he came in with five yoke of oxen and a pair of horses hitched to one sled, with a load measuring 16 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 7 feet 10 inches high, making 9 cords and 101 feet, which would doubtless have measured over 10 cords on common sized loads. No sooner had the horses peered over the hill than the people—old men and boys—began to gather and follow on, and by the time he had got down to the mill about 75 had gathered around. We were reminded of our boyhood days when the hand-organ grinder with his monkey, or an elephant chained to pass through the town. And now some of the smaller teams are "showing off." Yesterday Frank Mathews drove up with one pair of horses and wanted his little jag measured. It measured 3 cords and 19 feet. He says he will bring a full load next time.

THORNDIKE.

Mrs. Cornelius Wilson is moving into the cottage owned and formerly occupied by her son, E. E. Wilson of Hartford.

It is expected that the new agent, who comes as it is conjectured from Lewiston, Maine, will enter upon his duties Feb. 1st.

The work of rebuilding the burned portion of the New Mill is going on as fast as the circumstances will allow. The outlook now is that it will be at least several months before the factory will be in full running order.

The store of G. A. Mordock was broken into early Sunday morning and over \$800 worth of jewelry taken. There is no clue to the thieves. This is the third burglary which has taken place here within a short time. Where is our local Jonathan Wild?

The factories in this village will run upon half time during the present month, and perhaps longer. Coming so soon upon the recent calamities it is received very unfavorably by the mill operatives and others. Over-production is said to be the occasion.

Since the calamities of New Year's, there has been a great change in this village. This might not be observed only by those who are well acquainted with its affairs. A large number of families have found work elsewhere, twenty-five persons leaving one morning. There is a general feeling of uncertainty which pervades every interest, and which will probably lead to still greater changes before long.

For sake of variety we have been favored with a harmless highwaymanism. It is reported that as a resident of this village was returning from Palmer last Saturday night, he passed by two characters on Cemetery Hill who decided to "go for him." One of them did so, but the other, being dissatisfied with the result concluded to let him alone. It is said that no money was lost and but little blood shed.

MONSON.

Not a mad fox or any other wild game excitement for some time.

Hamilton White has purchased the Oliver Bliss farm for \$2500.

Charles R. Dudley, formerly attorney here, is located at Red Cliff, Colorado.

Mrs. Benjamin Smith broke her wrist last Friday morning by a fall on the ice.

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the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit
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AMANDA GRAVES, Administratrix.
January 1st, 1884.

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Monson, Mass., Jan. 10, 1884. 3642

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er has been duly appointed administrator of
the estate of William Lawrence, late of Palmer,
in the County of Hampshire, deceased; and has taken
upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the
law directs. All persons having demands upon the
estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the
same; and all persons indebted to said estate are
called upon to make payment to
ANNA E. GLYNN, Administratrix.
Monson, Jan. 25, 1884. 3643

NEW LUMBER YARD!
F. F. MARCY, PALMER, MASS.,
DEALER IN
All kinds of LUMBER and SHINGLES, at retail
and wholesale by the carload. Windows, Doors,
Hills and Nonellings. Carpenters' and Joiners'
Work done to order.
Yard and shop location of the B. & A. and N. L.
N. railroads, west of depot.
NOTICE is hereby given that the sub-
scrib-er has been duly appointed executrix
of the will of Solomon R. Lawrence, late of Palmer,
in the County of Hampshire, deceased; and has tak-
en upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the
law directs. All persons having demands upon the
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MARIA LAWRENCE, Executrix.
Palmer, Jan. 10, 1884. 3641

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Woolen Blankets,
Worsted Goods,
Will be sold at JOBBERS' PRICES.
ROBES and Horse Blankets
Marked Way Down.
CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!
OVERCOATS
HEAVY SUITS
FINE STOCK
POPULAR PRICES.
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Richardson's New Method
FOR THE PIANOFORTE.—PRICE \$25.
This standard and superior instruction book does
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Minstrel, Jubilee and Plantation Songs.
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A REDUC-
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In our stock previous to the 1st of March, we shall
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EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS
IN MANY LINES OF GOODS.
Misses' and Children's Cloaks and Suits, regard-
less of cost.
Ladies' and Children's Fine Cashmere and Wool
Hosiery and Merino and Scarlet Underwear, at
greatly reduced prices.
600 pairs Ladies' Fancy Cotton Hose, very fine
quality, at 25c. Reduced from 50c.
Misses' Fancy French Ribbed Hose, extra quality,
sizes 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, at 50c. Former prices 80c. to 90c.
GREAT BARGAINS
In Fine Cotton Underwear for Ladies, Misses and
Children.
Children's Short White Dresses from 50c. to \$1.
Our large and elegant stock of Hamburg Lin-
ens, including Towels and Bed Linens at special
prices.
Several broken lines of Corsets at very low prices,
to close.
Misses' and Children's Jerseys at \$1.25. Reduced
from \$1.50.
Ladies' Jerseys at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.50. Our
entire stock marked at these prices, to close.
50 dozen Imported Linen Collars, with capes,
embroidered and beautifully, standing and worth
down, all pure linen, at 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c. Worth
from 80c. to \$2.
Fine made-up Lace Neckwear. Great service in
prices to close out the stock before receiving new
Spring Goods.
200 Leather Hand Bags at 25c. Worth \$1.25.
100 dozen Buttons, including steel, jet, fancy
metal, ivory, pearl and glass, at 10c per card. 20
Buttons at 5c.
ALL OUR REMNANTS, Odds and Ends and
Surplus Stock in every department to be closed out
at still lower prices than our regular prices.
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AN IMMENSE STOCK TO SELECT FROM, AND
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Should keep the ANTALGICA in the house for
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TO BUY
A HANGING LAMP,
Or BRACKET LAMP,
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Very Cheap,
FOR WE ARE GOING TO SELL THEM RE-
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Paper Hangings,
WINDOW SHADES & FIXTURES,
Which are coming along now every day.
NO OLD JOB LOT GOODS
OTHER FOLKS CANNOT SELL, OR THAT WE
HAVE KEPT FOR YEARS, BUT
New, Fresh Goods
OF BEST PATTERNS.
If your CHIMNEYS break try one of our
FLINT GLASS.
NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE.
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Parlor Lamps,
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FANCY SHADES, VASES,
Etc., Etc.
Useful, Beautiful, Cheap.
CHOICE GROCERIES, BUTTER AND
CHEESE, FRUIT, CANDY AND NUTS
IN VARIETY.
A. E. PARK.
Palmer, Dec. 12th, 1883.
NEW LONDON NORTHERN R. R.
ON AND AFTER NOV. 10, 1883,
Trains going South leave Palmer 8.30 a. m., 2.10
and 7.20 p. m., for New London, connecting with
trains for Mystic, Stonington and Providence—New
Haven and New York.
The 7.20 p. m. train connects at New London with
steamers for New York, landing at pier 40, North
River, making this a desirable route for passengers
going South and West.
On Sunday, Nov. 10, 1883, at 8.10 a. m., 2.08 and
7.10 p. m. The 8.10 a. m. train connects at Barrett's
Junction with train on Athol branch for stations
north to Athol; at South Vernon with train for
Keene, and at Brattleboro for Montpelier. 2.08 p. m.
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CAUSES NO PAIN
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EASY TO USE.
Price 50 Cents by mail, or at druggists.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS.—JANUARY, 1884. PROBATE COURT.
In the Probate Court for the County of Hampshire,
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SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
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HOW TO INSURE A HAPPY CHILD-
HOOD is a question of great moment to every
parent. If it is impracticable to provide the child
with all the material necessaries of life, it is better
that he should be brought up in a simple and
frugal manner, than that he should be brought up
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Baby Has Gone to School.

The baby has gone to school, ah, me!
What will she mother do
With never a call to button or pin.
Or tie a little shoe?
How can she keep herself busy all day,
With the little "hunderling" away?
Another basket to fill with lunch,
Another "good-by" to say,
And the mother stands at the door to see
Her baby march away;
And turns with a sigh that is half relief
And half a something akin to grief.
She thinks of the possible future morn,
When the children, one by one,
Will go from their homes out into the world,
To battle with life alone,
And not even the baby be left to cheer
The desolate home of that future year.
She picks up garments here and there,
Thrown down in careless haste;
And tries to think how it would seem
If nothing were displaced;
If the house were always as still as this
How could she bear the loneliness?

ANECDOTE OF GEN. SHERMAN.

Many good anecdotes of Sherman were current during the war. Some of them, he once said, when they were brought to his notice, had been told of every general since Hannibal. Here is one of unquestionable authenticity, which shows his sagacity in dealing with the population of conquered towns. After he occupied Memphis, the people kept the churches, schools, and the places of business closed, so that, save for the movements of the soldiers, the place looked like a city of the dead. He issued an order directing that the stores and shops should be opened during business hours, the schools resume their course, and the churches hold their customary services. Among the people who called at his headquarters to protest against this order, or to ask for explanations, was the clergyman of an Episcopal church, who said that the ritual of his denomination contained a prayer for the President, which, under the circumstances, embarrassed him. "Whom do you regard as your president?" asked Sherman, bluntly. "We look upon Mr. Davis as our president," replied the minister. "Very well; pray for Jeff Davis if you wish. He needs your prayers badly. It will take a great deal of prayers to save him." "Then I will not be compelled to pray for Mr. Lincoln?" "Oh, no. He's a good man, and don't need your prayers. You may pray for him if you feel like it, but there's no compulsion," answered Sherman, instantly divining that the worthy clergyman wanted to pose as a martyr before his parishioners, and had hoped that he would be ordered to use the prayer for the President of the United States. The next Sunday the prescribed prayer was so modified by the preacher as to leave out all mention of the president, and to refer only to "all in authority."—E. V. Smalley, in the Century.

ONLY A MATCH.

"That match you are lighting your cigar with is a very small thing, isn't it?" said a passenger who shared my seat for a few miles. "A small thing, but you wouldn't believe the American people paid out \$27,000,000 for matches last year, would you? It looks big, but it is a fact. Now, take a pencil and figure it out. Fifty millions of people in this country; they use on the average five matches a day each; that is 250,000,000 matches daily, or 2,500,000 boxes of 100 matches in a box, every day. Last year these boxes retailed at an average of three cents each, making \$50,000,000 a day for matches, or \$27,375,000 a year. And then to think that three-fourths of all these matches were supplied by one company! If they didn't make \$8,000,000 clear profit out of it, then they didn't make a cent."

The harvest day of the match monopolies is now at an end, as they no longer have a government tax levied for their benefit. But they still control the trade, on account of their superior manufacturing facilities, large capital, etc. They own thousands of acres of timber land in Michigan, and their lumber is cut by their own men, and shipped on their own boats. And they have contracted for nearly all the world's supply of phosphorus years ahead, and the new manufacturers starting into the business find themselves over-matched in many ways by the old monopoly which can control the trade, and make fair profits on its investments. They control twenty-two factories and one of them has a capacity of 72,000 of matches daily.

AS TO CLIPPED ROADSTERS.

"Horses Clipped Here" is a sign displayed at numerous lively stables.
"We have clipped 150 horses this year," said a horseman yesterday. "A long-coated horse can't get fat. When clipped the horses eat less, but gain flesh rapidly. Drive a horse with a long coat and he is soon covered with perspiration. Then if the weather is cold, the perspiration freezes about the hair, forming tiny icicles. Live horses brought into the barn after a long drive and covered with blankets are still wet the next morning. Hence they take cold and are often seriously ill. Here is a horse you could stand a block away from and count the ribs of two weeks ago. He was clipped, and now you may see how sleek and fat he is. Before the clipping he ate fifteen quarts of oats and a quantity of hay daily. Now we feed him the same quantity of oats, but he does not eat it all, and he scarcely touches. Then he was a light chestnut. Now he is of a pretty mouse color. That bay horse was clipped in October. His hair is growing long and thick and in January or February he will need the shears again. Nearly all horsemen are in favor of clipping. The best veterinary surgeons in the country say it is greatly beneficial."

"We charge \$4 for clipping a horse. At some other places the work is done for \$3 and \$3.50. Take a long-coated horse valued at \$100 and by clipping him you will in many instances enhance his value 25 per cent."—Chicago Times.

The following anecdote of President Lincoln is related by General Badeau in his article on "General Sheridan," which is an interesting feature of the February Century, of what was left of Lee's army. He sent word to Grant: "If the thing is pressed, I think Lee will surrender." Grant forwarded the dispatch and an account of the victory to Lincoln, at City Point, and the President replied: "Let the thing be pressed."

A TERRIBLE MAIL SERVICE.

In the February Century appears the first of a series of illustrated papers on the mainland and islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, entitled "The Cruise of the Alice May." The papers are the record of an expedition in the interest of the magazine. S. G. W. Benjamin, now United States minister to Persia, supplies the text, and M. J. Burns supplies the pictures. Of the winter mail service between the mainland and Prince Edward Island, Mr. Benjamin says: "From January until May, at least, Northumberland Strait is frozen over. The mails are carried across at the narrowest part, near Cape Tormentine, or Jourdain, a distance of nine miles. The carriers drag a boat over the hummocks of ice which is provided with runners like a double keel. When they come to open water they cross in the boat. It is a dangerous and arduous journey, and few undertake it besides the hardy mail-carriers. For two or three winters past the passage has been made some times by the steamer Northern Light, constructed especially for this service. She has a frame of enormous strength, somewhat of a wedge form, with a solid shoe of iron at the bow; everything about her was planned to enable her to crush her way through the ice, which is often from two to four feet thick. Her course is from Pictou to Georgetown, a distance of some eighty miles, although she has often to go over two or three times that distance to reach her port. In all the annals of steam navigation there is no such packet service recorded as this of the Northern Light. Sometimes the ice is so dense that she can make no headway, and is jammed fast for days and weeks, or carried to and fro by the combined fury of ice and storms. The passenger who starts in her for Prince Edward Island in March has before him the horrors of polar solitude and hazard. In the spring of 1882 the Northern Light was three weeks making the brief passage, fast locked in the ice-jacks. Sometimes she was carried close to the shore, but no one could bring aid to the starving passengers, owing to the threatening condition of the ice. It was only after burning all the woodwork in the cabin for fuel, and being reduced to the last biscuit, that the worn-out and hopeless passengers reached the destined port. Think of a civilized and enlightened people, in this age, shut off from the rest of this world by such a frightful siege of ice and tempest and snow! Nor is this an occasional thing. As regularly as the winter comes around, the islanders look forward to this long liberation and isolation. Were it not for this drawback, the island might be a paradise."

LONG LIVES.

There is a belief among the East Indians that the elephant lives about 300 years, and instances are on record of the animals having been kept in captivity as long as 130 years, their age being unknown when they were first taken from the forest. Camels live from forty to fifty years; horses average from twenty to thirty, oxen about twenty, sheep eight or nine, and dogs from twelve to fourteen years. It has been observed that, as a general rule, the larger types of animals live longer than the smaller in the vertebrate class—quadrupeds and birds, reptiles and fishes. Some kinds of birds attain a great age; the swan has been known to live 100 years, and it is recorded that the raven has exceeded that age; birds of prey attain to great longevity, and the eagle has survived a century. Parrots have been known to live sixty and as long as eighty years. Pheasants and domestic poultry rarely exceed 12 and 15 years. A tortoise was placed in the garden of the Archbishop of Lambeth in 1633, during the life of Archbishop Land, and lived to 1753, when it perished by accident. Small batrachians, as the toad, are known to live about fifteen years. Fishes and animals that live in the water attain, in many instances, to a great age. The carp has been known to live 200 years. Common river trout has been confined in a well thirty, and even fifty years. A pike has been known to live in a pond ninety years; and Gesner relates that in 1497 an enormous pike was caught in a lake near Heilbronn, in Swabia, with a brass ring attached to it, recording that it was put in the lake in the year 1230; the ring is still preserved at Mannheim. The whale, it is said, attains to an age of about 400 years.

QUITE SUDDEN.

At a negro baptizing the other day, a slim preacher took a fat sister down into the murky waters of a bayou. Just as he dipped her under the water, she slipped from his grasp, and glided under the root of a large cypress tree, from which said entanglement it was impossible to extricate her until life was extinct. The preacher, without the slightest show of embarrassment, raised his hands, and turning to the crowd on the bank exclaimed: "The Lawd gibbeth an' de Lawd taketh away, an' blessed be de name ob de Lawd."

"Dat's all right so far as de Lawd's concerned," replied the drowned woman's husband, "but what's I gwine to do? I ain't got no 'jection ter de Lawd takin' her 'way, if he 'vides me wid another wife 'bout de same size."

"De Lawd knows his own business," said the preacher.
"But dat ain't de pint," persisted the husband. "I want a wife, an' I want her right head. Yersef tuk dat 'oman inter de water, an' I se gwine to hole yersef 'sponsible. I'll gin yer ten minits ter git me a wife, an' ef at de end ob dat time you ain't done made de 'rangements, I'll maul yer till yer couldn't baptize a cat; does yer heah?"

The preacher reflected a moment and addressing a sister, said: "Sister Kate, ter keep down a 'sturbance, won't yersef marry de gen'lman?"
The sister agreed that immediate matrimony was somewhat in her line and then the grief-stricken husband, turning to the preacher, exclaimed: "De settlement am satisfactory, brudder. Sonse de naxt lady."—Arkansas Traveller.

"What do you learn from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins?" was recently asked in a Texas Sunday school. "That we must watch every hour for the coming of the bridegroom," a blushing Galveston girl replied.—Galveston News.

WEATHER SIGNS OF THE RUSSIAN FARMER.

Following are weather signs of the Russian monjiks, who have for over 1000 years studied the meteorological significance of the actions of mice, cats, lizards, fish, dogs, swallows, swans, geese, ducks, roosters, snails, and acorns:
If sparrows are busy about their nests or fly in flocks, the weather will be clear and fair.
If swans fly southward quite late in the season, say at the end of September, the fall will be warm and prolonged.
If swallows fly near the ground, there will be rainy or windy weather.
If chicks seek shelter, the weather will be wet.

If chickens and other fowls pick their feathers, there will be cloudy and damp weather.
If, during severe frosts, roosters crow very early, the weather will become moderate or even warm.

When ducks bathe and quack there surely will be rain, and when they are quiet there will be a thunder storm.
If geese bathe it will rain.
If a cat searches for a warm place there will be cold weather. If a cat scratches at a door, table or any other object with its claws there will be windy or snowy weather.

If dogs roll in the winter there will be snow; if in the summer there will be rain.
If mice make their nests above the ground in ricks the fall will be rainy and prolonged. If they make their nests under ricks upon the ground the spring will be fair. If they make their nests before the crop is reaped rainy weather will begin in August and the fall will be bad.

Fish appear on the surface of water before rain, and go to the bottom before a strong wind.
Lobsters crawl upon the banks before rainy weather.

If oak lands grow plentiful the following winter will be severe and summer fruitful.
If smoke sinks to the ground when there is no wind, in winter, it will snow, and in summer it will rain. If smoke rises even during bad weather fair weather will follow.

If at sunset there are no clouds the next day will be fair; if the sun sets in clouds the next day will be cloudy and perhaps rainy. If the setting sun is red, the next day there will be a strong wind.

If the horns of the new moon be long and sharp, then in winter the whole month will be cold, and in summer fair.
If the moon looks pale, it will rain; if clear and bright, there will be fair weather.

If a fog lies on the ground there will be fair weather; if it rises in the evening, the next day will be warm.
If the first thunder is heard from the south, during the coming summer there will be many thunder storms. If it thunders in winter there will be a strong wind.

If there are red clouds before sunrise, the day will be very windy.

A PRACTICAL YOUNG WOMAN.

"One word," she said, "before we part," and her bright eyes glowed in the mellow light of the turned-down lamp. "Are you sincere?"
"I am sincere," he replied, in tones whose truthfulness could not be doubted by any one, save the most confirmed pessimist.
"Then you cannot give me a palace by Lake Como?" and she looked into his eyes as if she would read his inmost soul.
"I cannot," he answered.
"Not even a brown-stone front?"
"No." There was a wonderful firmness, a don't-you-forget-it-ness in the tone in which this momentous monosyllable was spoken.
"Not even a cottage in the suburbs?"
"Not even that, darling." There was an anguish in his accents that indicated a mind wholly given up to the gnawing inroads of a sharp-toothed despair.
"What can you offer me, then?" she asked; "what can you offer me as an incentive to induce me to become your bride?"
"A share in seven dollars a week, with a prospect of a rise next spring." He said this with all the deep conviction of a man who knows just how he stands.
"It is sufficient," she said, with a radiant smile; "I am yours, Algernon. A half loaf is better than no bread."—Somerville Journal.

HARD TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

Hard to be a Christian! Of course it is. But, whether you believe it or not, it is a great deal harder to be one. That is to say, you have a harder time than if you were one. You have at least as many cares and trials as if you were a Christian and as many temptations. Every sad and trying element of human life is manifested in your experience as often and as signally as it would be if you were one of Christ's followers; you trust yourself inevitably upon many sharp points of evil habit which you might in that case escape, and you lack what a true Christian—however feeble and imperfect his success as yet may be—always possesses, the consciousness that his Creator and he are no longer working at cross purposes, that he is in harmony with God's will and plan for him, that omniscience, omnipotence and infinite love are occupied in shaping his circumstances so that, however painful they may be to-day, they are sure to prove full of blessing in the end. You may not think this consciousness is a very solid advantage, but if you had it, in the sense that the Christian has it, you would.—Congregationalist.

No I THANK YOU.—Jennie Jones was a very pretty little girl, and it was the only time she had ever been visited by herself. She was spending the afternoon with one of her schoolmates, and when it came tea time, Jennie was invited to stop to tea.

"No, I thank you, ma'am," she said shyly.
"I guess you better," said her little friend's mother, good Mrs. Morse; "sit right up to the table—won't you now?"

Jennie dodged, twisted her apron, put her finger in her mouth, and finally electrified the company by remarking: "Well—I don't know; ma said I was to say, 'No, thank you,' the first time I was asked, but—but—you urged me I could stay!"

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CROSS, C. W., Dentist, Lawrence Block.
DAVIS, E. L., dealer in Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, Laces, Hosiery, etc., French's Block.
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GARDNER, CHAS. L., Attorney and Counselor at Law, Church Street.
GIBBONS, E. S., dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers. Successor to L. Plimack.
GRAY, H. L., Dining Room Restaurant, New London Northern Railroad Depot.
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HOLBROOK, C. L., Dr. Clothing, Hosiery, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc., Bondville.
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SCANDRELS, C. L., Harnesses, Whips, Brushes, Crockery, and everything pertaining to horse work.
SHAW, J. B., dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, etc., opposite the depot.
SHUMWAY, CHARLES E., Carriage and Sleigh Manufacturer, Bondville.
TAYLOR & KENNEDY, Attorneys at Law. Office in Allen's Block, Church Street.
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NEWS MORSELS.

Snake-skin boots are sold in New York. The Brooklyn Bridge is said to be dangerous in a fog.

It is the proud boast of Amherst college that it has no duels.

Small-pox is raging among the Indians in the western part of Alaska.

A Salvation Army officer has hired quarters at Norwich, Ct., for a year.

The Athol Transcript commenced its fourteenth volume last Tuesday.

Congressman Blackburn has been nominated for Senator from Kentucky.

One of Gotham's nice young men has come and dogs to match each suit.

About 1000 letters and telegrams reached Mr. Gladstone on his last birthday.

It is estimated that 7,000,000 envelopes a day are made in the United States.

Telegraph wires in the business part of Chicago are all to be placed under ground.

Numerous purchases of cart horses in England for American account are reported.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has \$500,000 on hand to build a new chamber.

The expert says that Abbott's stealings from the Watertown bank will reach \$50,000.

Edwin Booth has declined a guarantee of \$10,000 for one week's engagement at Pittsburgh.

Among the journals recently started in Germany is a comic paper called *Mired Phears*.

A mountain lion weighing six hundred pounds was lately killed near Grand Lake, Colorado.

Belle Boyd, the famous spy of rebellion days, is now the wife of a ranchman near San Antonio, Texas.

Montreal expects 25,000 visitors, who will probably compensate for the \$8000 expended on the Ice Palace.

A 15-years-old boy and a 16-years-old girl of Hampden were secretly married at New Haven a few days ago.

A Bridgeport, Ct., man has invented a wire nail machine which he claims will make 150,000 nails a day.

The red-headed rover of the Rockies is the Washington pet name for Congressman Belford of Colorado.

It is announced that Prince Victor Napoleon, "Plon Plon," intends visiting the United States next summer.

Failure to pass a school examination was sufficient cause for the suicide of an over-strained Minnesota student.

A New York boot-black leads in enterprise. He has displayed the sign, "Ladies' boots shined from 2 to 4 p. m."

Wm. Morrisson's house in Pocahontas county, W. Va., was burned Monday night and two little girls burned to death.

Ex-United States Senator Judge Henry Cooper, from Tennessee, was murdered and robbed near Cuttison, Mexico, on Monday.

The Baptist church at Watertown, to which defuncting Casier Abbott belonged, has dropped him quietly without any talk.

Oarsmen Teemer and Conley have signed articles for a race, three miles, and a turn, for \$2000, to be rowed at Pullman, Ill., May 30th.

The Annapolis (Md.) post-office was robbed of \$3000 in stamps and \$500 in money by professional cracksmen Sunday night.

A female highwayman, with a revolver in hand, relieved a man of his watch during a recent festival at Guadaloupe, Mexico.

In Indianapolis, skating rinks are to be taxed \$100 a year, and saloons \$50 a year. Probably the municipal government does not skate.

A Des Moines young man received from his lady love a hand-painted satin hat crown, and not knowing what it was had it framed.

A sample of economy is reported from Shirley, Eng., where an old lady recently died possessed of a fine property, but who had lived 20 years in a small cottage, the furniture of which was worth only a few dollars. Among her effects were two bonnets which she used to wear, which were made solely of postal cards, all addressed to herself, stitched together two or three deep.

Chester Goodale, one of the most prominent citizens of South Egremont, died on the night of the 31st ult., at the age of 94. He had long been prominent in the affairs of the town, and had represented it in the Legislature. In 1879 he was brutally assaulted one morning in his barn, and left for dead, but afterward recovered his health, though remembering nothing of his assault.

The body of an old man of 80 years who mysteriously disappeared from his home in Pine Valley, N. Y., on January 9th, has just been found. In attempting to climb over a fence his foot caught, and falling over backwards he was too much exhausted to get up. He was covered with snow, and perished within 20 hours of his assault.

A man at Norwich, Ct., who was in a hack with two women and some children when the horses ran away and the driver jumped off, climbed over the wheel to the seat, then down along the pole and upon the back of one of the animals, and succeeded in stopping the team after a run of half a mile.

Brookfield had a \$25,000 blaze last Saturday night, the boot and shoe shop of H. L. Butterworth & Co., being burned to the ground. The fire, which broke out about 8.45, is thought to have been incendiary. This makes the third time Mr. Butterworth has been burned out in a few years.

The county sheriff at Monticello, N. Y., was attacked by four of the prisoners Sunday morning, who tried to overpower him. With the aid of his son he secured two, but the others got away. He ordered them to return, and on their refusing to do so fired on them, killing one.

A recently deceased millionaire of Rochester, N. Y., did not like his daughter-in-law, and bequeathed his son \$1000 a year so long as he continued to live with his wife, and provided he should have over \$300,000 if he should cease to live with her. This, however, the son refused to do, and will contest the will.

An Ohio Central brakeman at Rendville, O., was called to his door late Saturday night by two men, and shot dead.

A man in Nebraska City is actively promoting starvation by giving away flour to the poor. He distributes it in sacks, one to every purchaser of 100 drinks at his bar; and, under the circumstances, the winners are bound to be losers.

The ground on which an Iowa man asks for a divorce is that his wife is a drunkard; and the peculiarity of the complaint is its specification that she acquired the habit of intemperance while tending bar in his own saloon.

A company has been formed by New York and Chicago men to ship dressed beef from Omaha, and a building where cattle can be slaughtered at the rate of 1000 a day will be put up immediately.

Engine number 137 on the Boston and Albany railroad which drags the Modoc between Springfield and Boston every day, has made the exception of record running 240 round trips without a break, and the record is more remarkable from the fact that the engine began these trips when fresh from the builders' hands, and has not once been returned to the shops. It is one of the new-model, large, high pressure machines, and the sixth will be ready for the road in three weeks. These engines are furnished with the Miller coupler and buffer on the rear of the tender, in place of the old-fashioned link-and-pin arrangement which was retained long after the patented buffer was adopted for passenger cars. It was long held impossible to start a train with the cars hooked together and the engine hooked to the train. But now that this objection is proven groundless, all the links and pins are dispensed with.

Some rude person pretends to have found a plumber's bill which ran thus: Fixing up Smith's busted pipes, to wit: Going to see the job, 81; coming back for tools and help, 82; finding the leak, 81.50; sending for more help, 81.25; going back for solder forgotten, 81.50; bringing the solder, 81; burning my finger, 82; lost my tobacco, 50 cents; getting to work, 83; getting my assistants to work, 82.50; fixing the pipe, 25 cents; going home, 82.50; time, solder, wear and tear on tools, overalls and other clothing, 85; total \$23.50.

Rev. Mr. Kimball, who has periodically for the past year from the steps of the city hall at New York city, has enlarged his scheme and will now feed every hungry person applying. He has arranged with the market men for 1000 pounds of fish every Saturday. The butchers will give away and he expects the produce exchange to give 10 barrels of flour a week.

An intelligent bird dog, owned by Mr. S. Silker of Warwick, N. Y., jealous of a new dog which his master had purchased, gave the new comer a severe whipping, left home and tarried for a time at a neighboring hotel, displaying rather a morose disposition, and finally committed suicide by throwing himself under the wheels of a railroad train.

It is reported that an Adams man mortgaged his farm for \$500 to obtain money to bet on a cock fight which took place in New York state, and that after the fight was over and the local birds were whipped, he found that he had hardly money enough to pay his fare home.

The most complete game of poker on record is the one recently played by Willis Kisse and Jack Kellogg of Ginnison, Col. Each held three of a kind, each reached for the stakes, each promptly pulled out a pistol because the other reached, both fired, and both fell dead.

Some years ago 15,000 trout and 1000 salmon were put into the Hartford reservoir. The other day when the water was drawn off no salmon were found, and only a few trout, but there were 20 big fat eels which showed signs of high living.

An Iowa boy, aged 15, worked a month for the physician of the neighborhood, and was given, instead of the ten dollars expected, a receipted bill for professional services which the doctor had rendered on the occasion of his birth.

Edward Hurley of Meriden, Ct., 15 years old, was sent to the reform school for assaulting his widowed mother with a butcher knife while intoxicated. He snatched in doors, broke crockery and tore bed clothes, in his drunken frenzy.

The mayor of Philadelphia has been requested by the common council to instruct the police to arrest all persons found throwing snowballs, lunks of ice or other missiles at strangers or others passing through the city.

The total number of commissioned militia officers in the United States is 6802; non-commissioned, musicians and privates, 81,268. Number available for military duty, 6,227,921, of which Massachusetts has 255,782.

The warden of the Winnipeg penitentiary has a herd of 25 pure-blooded domesticated buffaloes, which were raised from calves captured by Indian hunters. They range freely and cross with domestic cattle.

Leroy Warner of Convent township, Pa., sold his little daughter Maggie to Peter Wild for \$1, and the other day presented bill of sale to the court for confirmation in simplest good faith.

A lumberman of Elk Co., Pa., asserts that 4000 acres of timber in that and adjoining counties have been destroyed every year to furnish bark for tanning purposes.

There were 1617 accidents in the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania last year, by which 320 men were killed, leaving 153 widows and over 500 children.

At Wilton a few days ago, a baby girl was born which weighed a pound and three-fourths. An ordinary-sized ring would slip the length of its arm.

The postmaster at Newport, R. I., was smart enough to properly deliver a letter that came addressed "To Grandma, Newport, Rhode Island."

At New Orleans, La., Monday night, two men were killed in rows caused by striking coal yard men, and several others hurt.

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GRAND CONCERT.—Wm. H. Sherwood of Boston, the greatest pianist America has ever produced, will give a concert at the Opera House, Springfield, Feb. 2nd, assisted by the following artists: Mrs. E. Humphrey Allen of Boston, soprano; Henry F. Trask, Springfield, tenor; and the Stimpson Sisters of Westfield. The latter are pupils of Mr. Sherwood.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Cornelius Keillier, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting: Whereas a certain instrument, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and presented to said Court, for probate, by Mary Keillier, his widow, who prays that letters of administration, with the will annexed, may be issued to her, no executor being named in said will. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Palmer, in said county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of February next, at one o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any, why the same should not be admitted to probate. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the first publication to be two days, at least, before said Court, and to mail a copy of such notice to each of said next of kin who may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said Court. Witness, William S. Shurtliff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. 3442

NEW LONDON NORTHERN R. R. ON AND AFTER NOV. 19, 1883.

Trains going South leave Palmer 8.30 a. m., 4.10 and 7.20 p. m., for New London, connecting with trains for Mystic, Stonington and Providence—New Haven and New York.

The New London connects at New London with steamer for New York, landing at pier 40, North River, making this a desirable route for passengers going South and West.

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Judge Not.
How do we know what hearts have eloped sin?
How do we know?
Many, like sepulchres, are vile within
Whose outward garb is spotless as the snow
And many may be pure as they think not so.
How near to God the souls of such have been,
What mercy secret penitence may win—
How do we know?
How can we tell who have sinned more than we?
How can we tell?
We think our brother walked full guiltily,
Judging him in self-righteousness. Ah, well!
Perhaps had we been driven through the hell
Of his untold temptations, we might be
Less upright in our daily walk than he—
How can we tell?
Dare we condemn the life the others do?
Dare we condemn?
Their strength is small, their trials not a few.
The tide of wrong is difficult to stem,
And if to us more clearly than to them
Is given knowledge of the good and true,
More do they need our help and pity too.
Dare we condemn?
God help us all, and lead us day by day!
God help us all!
We cannot walk alone the perfect way;
Evils allure us, tempt us and we fall,
We are but human and our power is small.
Not one of us may boast, and not a day
Rolls o'er our heads but each hath need to say,
God bless us all!

Correspondence of the Journal.
WONDERLAND.

Those who have been fortunate enough to take the trip to the Yellowstone National Park, and have enjoyed its wonders and beauties, will say it is a Wonderland surely. A branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad was built last summer, from the main line at Livingston to the northern boundary of the Park, about seven miles from Mammoth Hot Springs, at which point there are stages to carry passengers and baggage to all points within the Park. During last summer a large hotel was built at Mammoth Hot Springs, and hotel accommodations are provided at other convenient points within the regular tour of the Park.

The scenery from Livingston to the Park, up the canon, or Paradise Valley as it is called, is as grand as anything in the Park. The railroad follows the river, and sometimes is upon its bank, at the foot of steep bluffs or a mountain, then out upon a broad valley, which shows its richness in the heavy waving grain. Ranch men found this beautiful place years ago, when wild beasts and Indians were their nearest neighbors. They gave the valley its name, for mountains are on all sides: some whose sides can always show perpetual snow, some green with pines, others ragged with the dark gray rock of the Rocky Mountains, and the valley so green, sloping gently down to the river, with its fringe of cottonwood trees. Prominent among these mountain peaks is old Emigrant Peak, standing cloven at the top in three points, ten thousand feet above the sea level, and a little snow still upon it. Emigrant Gulch looks dark and cold, yet it is said more gold is taken from the mines there now than in past years. To see the glorious beauty of those grand old mountains, one needs to look upon them at sunset. The change in form and color of the clouds, and their effect upon the mountains, is most grand, and foreign travelers say reminds them of the Alps.

At the terminus of the railroad, the Chinabur mountain. It is not very large or high in comparison to other mountains, but upon the south face is seen a broad stripe of vermilion running from the top to the bottom, which has been given the name of the "Devil's Slide." Near by are two walls of rock, which traverse the mountain from top to bottom, which are 200 feet high and 50 feet broad, the space between them at the top being about 150 feet wide, and gradually increasing until it is doubled at the bottom. The material between the walls has been washed away, leaving the gigantic walls as smooth and vertical as if built by mason's skill.

At this point the Yellowstone river is left, and the Gardner river valley is approached. Seven miles of hard climbing among the mountains brings the tourists upon a grassy plateau, from which is gained the first sight of the mountain on the opposite mountain side, and with the white valley at the foot, the stream arising from the many hot springs, the dark green of the pines above and back of all, and the towering mountain peaks on all sides, it is a scene, once looked upon, not soon to be forgotten.

The descent to the valley below is quite abrupt, but brings us to the foot of the terraces. Here stand extinct geyser cones, one forty-five feet in height and twenty feet in diameter at the base, called "Liberty Cap," and another of smaller size, called the "Giant's Thumb." The terraces are easy to climb, and upon gaining the top a bewildering and magnificent scene is presented. Pool after pool of boiling water, of beautiful tints and colors, the deposit forming in various terraces and basins, and fanciful forms. The tints of the hot water are the most delicate in color, and look like the work of some beautiful fairy, who has decorated the edge of some pool of water with sprays of coral, in pale green, or shell pink, or cream, and even in red. The hot water, as it runs from the top of the mountain down the terraces, colors the rock a bright orange, while after it has become dry it is pure white, and after a few years becomes an ashy gray in color, so that wherever it is looked upon a variety of colors is seen. Articles put in the running water for several days, will become coated with the deposit from the water, and when they are dry are very beautiful in a coat of sparkling white. The dazzling and exquisite beauty of the springs must be seen to be fully appreciated. When Sheepcote and Terrace mountains are seen, and one remembers that they are formed the same way, what grand magnificence it would have been to have seen them! That was ages ago, for they are extinct springs now, and the formation is crumbling away, and large pines grow upon their sides.

times it is variegated with streaks of red and yellow, while an impure variety has white flecks all through the black mass. Where the columns rise from the Lake, large blocks have become detached and have fallen down into the edge of the Lake, and in building the road through, fires were built upon the glass, then cold water thrown upon it, thus breaking the blocks. The glass road extends a distance of a quarter of a mile, and is said to be the only glass road in the world. Our experience in riding on it was that it was the roughest road we had ever been on, and not as its name would suggest, "smooth as glass."

The objects that take the attention of tourists, as being the most wonderful in the Park, are the Geysers. They are situated in four groups or basins, the first being half way north and south of the Park, and known as Norris Geyser Basin. There are none here that are very large except the "Mojave," and one very pretty little one, the "Minute Man," which sends up a fountain of crystal drops 25 or 30 feet high once a minute. Near by is a large deep bowl brim full of purest water of bluish green tint, called the "Emerald Pool." Eighteen miles further on we come to the Lower Geyser basin, of which the "Fountain Geyser," and the "Queen's Laundry," are the finest. Two miles further on, the Middle Geyser Basin is reached, and crossing the Firehole river on a foot bridge, a few minutes' walk brings the seething cauldron of boiling water, known as "Hell's Half Acre," at our very feet. It is a terrible place to look into, standing upon the crust above and seeing the water boil and surge, and the steam arise, so that it blinds the eyes for a time. It has more recently been known as the "Excelsior Geyser," and it well deserves its name, for after an eruption the Firehole river rises one third, the geyser sending up such a large volume of water.

Not far to the west is one of the largest hot springs in the park, called the "Grand Prismatic Spring." Unfortunately clouds of steam are constantly arising, and only a partial view can be had at a time. When it can be seen, with the sun shining upon the water, it is one of the most dazzling and exquisite of views. The water takes all the colors of the rainbow, and looks as if it were filled with prisms. Close by this spring is another smaller one of beautiful deep blue water, called the "Turquoise." The channel which takes the overflow of these springs to the bottom of the river is narrow and shallow, and the water is a brilliant white and the edges yellow, fading into salmon color as the river is approached.

Following the Firehole up six miles more the Upper Geyser Basin comes to view. Here are the greatest number of large ones at one place, there being sixteen of them, besides a great many small ones, and many hot pools of water. "Old Faithful" was as good as its name, and gave an eruption once an hour. At the time of the eruption the earth around jars as if an earthquake was coming, and with terrible roars of steam from the crater a volume of water two by six feet rises into the air to the height of two hundred feet. Much steam passes with the water, and it is at boiling point; a good distance must be kept from the falling water. The eruption lasts about five minutes. "Old Faithful" is frequently made a laundry of, and rocks that are thrown in a few minutes before the eruption will be ejected into the air a distance of fifty or seventy-five feet. A very dirty shirt put in will come out as clean and white as human hands can do it, and many is the handkerchief that arises in the spray and steam. Silk and woolen are torn to shreds, but cotton and linen come out whole; the reason why has not yet been found. It was our pleasure to see the eruption of half the large ones, and many small ones. Some of the finest are—"Bee Hive," "Lioness," "Lion," "Grand," "Castle," "Giant," "ess," "Lion," "Fan," and "River-side." "Splendid," "Grotto," "Grotto" is very side. The cone of the "Grotto" is very beautiful and has received its name from the peculiar shape of the main or larger crater, which is hollowed into fantastic arches, beneath which are grotto-like cavities, the interior of the arches and the cavities are lined with a brilliantly white bead-like formation which glows with the rich opalescent tints that are seen in mother-of-pearl. Words cannot fully give the idea of these wonderful objects—the Geysers. Each has a peculiarity of its own in the cone and eruption, and the awe they inspire as they send their columns of water up into the air from fifty to three hundred feet, can only be felt upon looking at the grand spectacle.

The Paint Pots are another peculiarity of the Park. There is a large basin of them, of several acres in extent, on the Gibbon river just before entering the Gibbon canon. There are many other Paint Pots in different parts of the Park, but they are single or few in number in a place. They are said to contain mineral paints, are boiling hot, of all colors, and those that are the thickest, the paste can be molded into balls like putty, and soon hardens. Red, in all shades from pink to the deepest blood red, drab, pale blue, cream, salmon and white are found in the tint paints, while yellow, blue, green, violet and indigo pools are found, that color the ground around the pots, showing that the color is in solution. The pots are not mixed, as one would suppose, so that one color running into another would form a new one, but two will be found so near together between them, one being a deep red and the other a pale blue. The wonders nature performs are truly marvelous!

There is hardly a point in the Park from which steam will not be seen arising somewhere, and in the woods or out upon the open plain pools of boiling hot water will be found. Nearly all have a strong smell of sulphur, and in one place, where hills of sulphur rise, or "Sulphur Mountain," as it is called, a large cauldron of boiling paste at the foot of the mountain casts out pure blue sulphur, as good as can be bought, all refined. On many places mud is found boiling and being thrown upon the trees and rocks around.

The Yellowstone Lake is a fine body of water, being fifteen miles wide and twenty long. It is the largest lake, at a great elevation, in the United States, although there are others that are much higher in Colorado, but they are much smaller. Yellowstone is 7775 feet above the level of the sea, and

if Mount Washington in New Hampshire could be sunk in this large body of water, with its base at the sea level, its apex would be nearly half a mile below the surface of the lake. The waters are clear and sparkling, the pines grow to the water's edge and thickly cover the islands that rise from the lake. Upon the south and east shores rise the mountains, with snowy peaks and grand crags sharply outlined against the sky, coming down abruptly to the flood, by which they are reflected as in a mirror.

There are places upon the shore of the lake, and even in it, where mineral springs boil up, making the water murky and warm, but not enough so to spoil the whole lake. On the west of the lake is one of the natural curiosities of the Park. This is the Natural Bridge. It is twenty-nine feet long and wide enough to admit the passage of a carriage. The bridge spans a deep gorge over a mountain torrent, the stream being about a hundred feet below.

The Yellowstone River is not only the outlet of Yellowstone Lake, but rises in the mountains beyond and flows through it. From the Lake to the Falls the river flows for several miles with a strong and steady current through a broad valley, the shores of which are low and grass-clad. When within a mile of the Upper Falls, the valley abruptly contracts, and the river becomes rapid, forcing its way over rocks and ledges and a series of beautiful cascades.

The Upper Fall is narrow at the brink, the rocks on either side coming to within eighty feet of each other. The mighty volume of water shoots from between these rocks and takes a leap of 112 feet. The mist and spray cover fully one-third of the fall and the white foam flecks the beautiful sea-green of the water far down the river. Half a mile below is the Lower Fall, but to get a better view of this grand cascade we go a mile farther below, where upon the top of the western side of the canon, upon a projecting crag, a view can be had that will not soon be forgotten. The Lower Fall takes a leap of 300 feet into the canon below and sends up a cloud of spray and mist, in which is seen a brilliant rainbow.

The canon is over two thousand feet in depth, and the sides are in many places almost perpendicular, the rocks worn to look like ruins of castles, arches, old temples and columns and pillars. The sides of the canon are a wilderness of color. There is the palest white, yellow that shades into orange, a soft brown, and the deepest shade of red, while the rich green of moss and the deep dark green of the evergreen, all unite to form a picture of unsurpassed beauty.

Seated upon the projecting crag the eye is first attracted up the canon, where the first mist shows below the Upper Fall; then the Lower Fall is seen in its full splendor. The river below, a beautiful sea-green, at its great depth looks like a ribbon, and as if it could be stepped across. Then looking down upon some pinnacle, far below, an eagle is seen feeding its young; its nest built upon the top of the pinnacle, which is so far below that the eye must look steady to see the little birds. Then take in the gorgeous colors and strange forms, the immensity of it all, and finally turn away exclaiming, "It is wonderful! wonderful!" Very large forests cover the greater portion of the Park. The principal varieties are the black, red and balsam fir, black spruce and white pine. The black fir is the most plentiful, often growing to 150 feet in height. Along the stream red cedar, poplar, maple and willow grow, and there are frequent meadows covered thick with flowers, the larkspur, columbine, harebell, lupine, evening primrose, aster, gentian, daisies, buttercups, forget-me-nots, and many other varieties. All of these and many more were picked at one time, at an elevation of over eight thousand feet above the sea, from an acre of ground.

There is an abundance of game, both large and small. Bison, elk, moose, deer, antelope, big-horn sheep, bear, mountain lions, wolves, foxes and all the smaller fur animals. There are numbers of birds, mostly water fowl, but none that sing. Trout are found in the Yellowstone river and many of the streams, that are very fine, but those caught in the Yellowstone Lake are sometimes wormy and not fit to eat. No reason can be given for this, as everywhere else they are very fine.

The wagon road at present goes to all points spoken of here, and there are trails to most every part of the Park, so that one going on horseback, and taking a trusty guide, can spend many days in exploring the great curiosities of this wonderful land.

Upon the whole matter, I account a person who has a moderate mind and fortune, and lives in the conversation of two or three agreeable friends, with little commerce in the world beside, who is esteemed well enough by his few neighbors that know him, and is truly irreproachable by anybody; and so, after a healthful, quiet life, before the great inconveniences of old age, goes more silently out of it than he came in (for I would not have him so much as cry in the exit); this innocent deceiver of the world, as Horace calls him, this unassuming person, I take to have been more happy in his part than the greatest actors that fill the state with show and noise; nay, even than Augustus himself, who asked with his last breath whether he had not played his farce very well.—*Abraham Cowley.*

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FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 15, 1884.

The Meigs elevated railroad bill has passed the House by a strong vote, in spite of Boston's opposition to the scheme.

CONGRESSMAN ROCKWELL'S friends have thought him a budding statesman. But isn't he a blasted bird? Or is he a blasted bird?

WE fear that even the strongest words will hardly suffice to express Butler's chagrin over his failure to discover the shortage in General Grant's accounts. He might have made it worth thousands of votes to himself.

BUSINESS is rushing into the Legislature in a way that don't argue well for a short session. A month and a half of the session is past already, and our Solons will need to bestir themselves or they won't get home in time for the spring planting.

THE Massachusetts Senate has done nobly, in passing the resolve in favor of submitting the question of biennial elections and sessions of the Legislature to the people, by a vote of 22 to 4. We hope that the House will do as well, and let the people have a chance to have their say on the subject.

THE Massachusetts Reform Club has sent circulars to the members of the Legislature, reminding them that both parties are professedly in favor of civil service reform, and their action upon the civil service bill now before the Legislature will be regarded as "the strongest test of the sincerity of anti-election platforms and promises."

EX-GOV. TALBOT last Saturday resigned his position as chairman of the board of health, lunacy and charity, and also his membership of the board, and Lawyer Charles F. Donnelly of Boston was unanimously elected his successor as chairman. Mr. Donnelly is an Irishman and Democrat, but has done excellent service on the board and will honor the position. It was Mr. Donnelly who wrote much of last year's keen correspondence with Gov. Butler, in defense of the board.

A PETITION is being circulated somewhat in this section, asking the railroad commissioners to put a stop to the running of Sunday freight trains on the Boston & Albany and other railroads. Success to it. There is altogether too much Sunday traffic on the railroads, and it is growing from year to year, the managers very easily falling into the way of consulting their convenience in the matter rather than the law or the sentiment of the people who are disturbed thereby.

GOV. ROBINSON has discovered a discrepancy of \$17,618 in the accounts of George W. Cram, surveyor general of lumber, and the treasurer has called upon Mr. Cram to return that sum to the treasury. The law requires the surveyor general to turn over to the state the excess of fees received over \$2000, but Mr. Cram claims to have acted with entire honesty, supposing that this sum was his salary, and that his office rent and other expenses were to come out of the excess. He has held the office since 1866, and will probably go before the Legislature with a petition for relief.

UNLESS Congressman Rockwell is very much misrepresented, he has opened his mouth and put both feet in it, in a way which will bring a blush to the cheeks of his friends. He is reported to have unbosomed himself to an interviewer the other day, telling him that Massachusetts was really for Grant in the last campaign and was not fairly represented in the national convention; calling Senator Edmunds "a pious little man on a rock," and sneering at the "better element" of the Republican party because "they want to form a new party." Then he writes a letter resigning his position on the Republican state committee, because, "having been elected to Congress by a combination of the leading men in both parties," it will not do to retain his place on the committee. He is also said to be considering whether he will take any "partisan position" in the coming campaign; this is entertaining. He wants to know which way to jump, evidently. And this man "represents" the district which has been represented and honored by Robinson and by Dawes. Shades of Butler! what a change is there?

The Baptist church at Ada, O., was the scene of a disgraceful row last Sunday morning. One of the deacons declared the election of the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school null and void, and made some uncomplimentary remarks about the matter. The superintendent shook his fist under the deacon's nose and commanded him to sit down, while his friends ordered the superintendent to do the same. In the evening the quarrel was resumed, and the police were obliged to put a stop to the fuss.

A Polish woman applied to the town clerk of Chicopee a few days ago for a "three-years' marriage license." She said she had a husband in the old country but as he was not coming over for three years she wanted to form a limited partnership until that time had elapsed. As he was unable to accommodate her she departed exceedingly sorrowful.

The libel suit against the publishers of the famous book "Cape Cod Folks" was brought to trial on Tuesday, much to the surprise of the defendants, who thought the thing had blown over. On Thursday a verdict of \$1093 was rendered for the plaintiff.

An Iowa court very wisely refuses to stop the singing of hymns and repeating of the Lord's prayer in schools, because "such exercises were intended to further morality and honesty, and must therefore be considered a proper part of the school work."

Walter Dufur of Marlboro and John Croshaw of Milford wrestled at Worcester, Saturday night for \$100 a side, and the match was won by Dufur.

An old man of 84, at Stamford, N. Y., has created a sensation in his family and the neighborhood by bringing home a 19-years-old wife.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

One of the most striking men of the times—John L. Sullivan.

A seamy operation, as the man said when he got 1500 pounds for a ton of coal. If appearances are any indication, actresses must be very healthy, and live to a good old age.

The girl that a poor man wants is Charity, and the one a rich man ought to have is Jennie Rosity.

"Although you may be glad to see me you needn't hang on so long nor shake so hard," as the victim said to the agent.

"Time is money." Yet the fellow who was given six months said he didn't get a great amount of money at that donation.

Strange what shape afflictions will take, isn't it? One community has a blind faith, another has a deaf and dumb asylum, while a third has one that is insane.

What a pity that the poor fools who kill a girl because she won't marry them, and then their own existence, don't carry out the latter part of the programme first.

Grecian girls like to deck themselves in the dresses worn by their grandmothers. So do American girls; but they're awful careful not to let anyone see 'em when this ragged out.

Chicago has a telegraph operator who wants a law for the prevention of cruelty to dudes. There is no such thing as cruelty to dudes; the slightest approach to cruelty would prove fatal to one of the species, and to put one to death would only be to take pity on it.

Agatha wants to know why it is only "highly respected" men who run away with other people's money. Bless you! that's easy enough. The other people think that the "highly respected" man is all right. You don't suppose they'd invite a professional thief to take charge of their funds, do you?

An exchange says a Brooklyn man was fined \$10 the other day for attempting to kiss a pretty young woman. That was probably what she had him arrested for—the attempt—if he had succeeded it would have been all right, but to get all ready for one and then have him fail—that was what made her mad.

If you have a bill against a man who is a little slow pay, and want the money at once, just you make the bill out to him and add "Esq." with a big flourish, at the end of his name. Then send it addressed the same way, with a little note asking him if it would be too much trouble for "Mr. —, Esq., to favor," etc. It always gets 'em.

It is said that in some parts of Greece it is the custom for girls to wear on their heads all the money they possess, so that a young man desiring to marry her may know how much her dowry is. Girls who are plain-looking and have got the cash will not doubt favor the introduction of the custom into this country, but the pretty ones who lack the needful will kick against it for all they're worth.

The Congregational church at Natick has shown its good sense by passing a vote protesting against raising money by lotteries at church fairs. This is a right move, for it has become altogether too common for churches and religious societies to get up entertainments and fairs at which lotteries and "chances" on various articles, more or less valuable, are the chief attraction. Being run under the auspices of the church does not make them one whit better than if managed by some grand lottery concern.

It does beat all how much room a woman can occupy in a car when she lays herself out for that purpose. She'll occupy two whole seats with a shawl, a small satchel, a book, a parasol and a fan, inasmuch as a brakeman moves any of her things to make room for some one else, and never thinks of putting any article in the rack over her head. But let them all out of sight the car and she'll put them all out of sight in a minute, pack two big valises, a bundle and a lunch basket in the small space around her feet, get two children in her lap and have lots of room to spare, all for a chance to tell her friend about the fuss they had at the last church sociable.

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Did you get a valentine?

Disagreeable weather, isn't it?

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E. S. Bagbee of Woodstock will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Perry exchanged with Rev. Mr. Kuickerbocker of Spencer last Sunday.

Only eight tickets were sold at this station last week for the Montreal carnival.

Remember that our premium offer for the Cottage Hearth is open only two weeks longer.

The steam heating apparatus at the new depot is now in, and the plumbers are at work upon the gas piping.

S. S. Taft has bought of Mrs. Lydia M. W. Tanager three small houses at the head of School street for \$2000.

Next Friday evening "Our Club" will meet with Dr. W. H. Stowe and will read from Collins and Chatterton.

It's so long since we've had a glimpse of Old Sol that we doubt if he is recognized when he does put in an appearance.

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Rev. Albert Hammett of Monson will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday evening, in exchange with the pastor, Rev. E. A. Perry.

Work at the Palmer Wire Mills is very good, and the company have a large number of orders on hand, which they are running nights to fill.

The ladies of the Baptist society will have a festival and music supper at the church vestry next Friday evening. If stormy it will be postponed to the next evening.

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The Betts fencing company have commenced this week the manufacture of their picket fencing in the building formerly occupied by R. L. Goddard for the manufacture of straw hats.

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O. C. Marcy had a carriage somewhat smashed up in a funeral procession last Sunday by a horse in front suddenly backing and the one behind being unable to stop in time to prevent a collision.

The Modoc Wednesday morning consisted of eleven cars, and the 7.45 accommodation of thirteen cars, the extra ones being needed to carry the stockholders (?) to Boston, and travel was heavy on the road all day in consequence.

There is a real estate owner in town who has a number of building lots for sale, but before he makes a sale he endeavors to specify what kind of a house the buyer shall erect. By so doing he will doubtless keep his lots for some time to come.

A remonstrance was circulated pretty freely about town the first of the week, to be sent to the Legislature, protesting against the passage of the bill requiring the changing of all wagon rims and tires to a certain standard, and was pretty generally signed.

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W. H. Hitchcock does not seem to find all smooth sailing at his new rink in Northampton. After being obliged to vacate the town hall and put up a building on purpose for his rink, at a cost of \$3000, the city fathers got an idea he was making too much money, and so a license fee of \$4 per day was levied upon him. From the *Hampshire Daily Herald* we learn that during the two seasons he had a rink there, the receipts have averaged \$30 per night for the 42 nights of the season, and the expenses, not including pay for his own time, were fully \$20 per night, and will be more in his new recovery.

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MONSON.

Prof. Purdy gives an exhibition at the Central Hall rink to-night.

Dr. F. W. Ellis, who has been studying in Boston for the past four or five months, has returned to Monson.

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The Ware Dramatic Club, under the direction of Wm. F. Wilson, have in preparation "The Lady of Lyons," to be presented at no distant day.

The Indian show has filled Music Hall to overflowing each evening since they commenced, and they are to give a matinee for children to-morrow afternoon.

D. B. Glines was acquitted at the district court last week from any complicity in the illegal voting case, there being no reliable evidence that he had exerted any undue influence.

A gentleman who has been a music teacher for more than 40 years, says they have better singing in the East Congregational choir than at any church in Worcester county, the cities not excepted.

The Otis Company have secured the services of William C. Greene as assistant superintendent. The Hartford *Connecticut* says: "He is one of the shrewdest cotton manufacturers in New England."

The Boston *Journal* of last Monday has the following: "There is a sensation at Franklin over the arrest of Dr. Joseph C. Yale and Charles H. Yale, on warrant charging assaults on women." Both of these young men were formerly of Ware and sons of Dr. John Yale.

James F. Savage has in addition to his law business taken the agency for several first-class insurance companies, among them the Phoenix of Hartford, Providence, Washington, New Hampshire, Phoenix Assurance of London and Traders' and Mechanics' Mutual of Lowell.

A successful raid was made on Joseph Boyle in Water street last Saturday night by officers Robinson, Hathaway and Murray. A quantity of lager beer was captured and they had reasons to believe other liquors were secreted where they could not be found. It is reported that Boyle has left for parts unknown.

The dramatic reading by Miss Jessie Eldridge last evening was the finest entertainment we have had in town this season. The programme was varied and afforded an opportunity for a display of her wonderful elocutionary powers. The audience were held spell-bound during her rendering of "Ripah," and convulsed with laughter at her "Scene from Real Life."

Rev. C. H. Covell, agent of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society, has given two instructive and interesting lectures the past week at Ware Center. The first was descriptive of the work done by missionaries on the North and South Pacific Islands; the second related to Russia, Denmark and France, and was copiously illustrated by beautiful stereopticon views. Mr. Covell having spent many of his earlier years in foreign countries, speaks from a personal observation, thus giving great interest to his lectures.

A CARD. We wish to express our thanks to the friends who in a spirit of Christian charity stood by us, and by their aid and sympathy helped us, in our recent trouble and affliction. And especially do we thank the comrades of the G. A. R., for the very brotherly kindness displayed by them toward us, in the dark hours of trial and distress.

HELEN F. BLISS. FRED E. WHITCOMB. Monson, Mass., Feb. 12th, 1884.

Robert Orr, 90 years old, highly respected and the oldest citizen of East Bridgeport, was fatally burned Monday morning. While attempting to reach some medicine he upset a kerosene lamp, which set his clothes on fire. His son-in-law, ex-Congressman Harris, was severely burned in endeavoring to assist him.

Thomas Kinsella, the editor of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, died at his residence at Brooklyn last Monday morning, after an illness of three months.

An official of the Pennsylvania railroad claims that his company loses about \$150,000 a year by employees stealing tickets and selling them to scalpers.

A telegraph operator at Milwaukee, Wis., being discarded by the girl he wished to marry, shot her and then killed himself one day this week.

A boy only 16 years old was found dead drunk at Norwich, Ct., the other day, and a physician who had sold him the liquor was fined \$120.

It is reported that Gov. Robinson will, at the request of a large number of Bostonians, give a reception at the State House on the 22d.

The county jail at Wausau, Wis., was burned Monday morning, and two desperadoes who were confined there, were burned to death.

Three men were killed at Weedsport, N. Y., yesterday, by a train going through a bridge which had been undermined by the floods.

The charity ball at Springfield Monday evening was a complete success, and will net the hospital fund about \$1800.

Cyril Cook of Cumberland, R. I., was murdered last Saturday night, and held for trial. Now, one Boss, in prison waiting trial for other crimes in the town, confesses that he made the assault.

A stage coach, loaded with passengers, which left Coville, Utah, over two weeks ago, is missing and is undoubtedly buried in a snow bank, and the passengers are all killed. The snow on Big Summit is ten feet deep.

SUGAR LOAF PARISH.—IV.

By REV. MOSES K. CROSS.

The songs of the church in Sugar Loaf parish were often very refreshing to me, though the choir was not a specially good one. Several of the tunes which I first heard there have come singing down the years to the present time, always flavored distinctly with memories of the place and the dear and tried friends I found there. "Fulton," "Leaning," "Heavenly Home," and others whose titles I have forgotten, together with the hymns to which they were sung, are indelibly fixed in heart and memory. One of the hymns associated with one of the tunes, commencing,

"It is not for me to seek my bliss
And building my hopes in a region like this," seemed very appropriate to the circumstances.

There were two venerable retired ministers living in Sugar Loaf parish during my ministry there: Rev. Samuel Ware, formerly of Watertown, and Rev. Theophilus Packard, D.D., formerly of Shelburne. With both of these my relations were harmonious and pleasant. Dr. Packard was pastor of the church in S. for half a century, having as colleague during the latter part of the time his son, Rev. T. Packard, Jr. He was a man of some note in his day, and his speculative turn was active to the last. He would often come to the pastorate in theology or metaphysics, and ask him to "think about it," or "write upon it." The pastor soon learned that all he needed to do was to respectfully listen to him, and then go about his work. For Dr. Packard remembered that he had submitted the same question before, and all went over the same thing again and again. President Hittcock of Amherst College was wont to relate to his class with his peculiar hearty laugh when performing certain experiments, how good Dr. Packard said concerning him "I didn't think, once, that Prof. Hittcock would ever set the Connecticut river afire, but he has." Dr. Packard was fond of telling a good story, and the following is one of them:

"At a certain ordination, as the parts were about to be assigned for the public services, one of the ministers remarked that he noticed that there were two of them for whom there would be no part, and he would like to be one of those two—he didn't care which."

On the 16th day of October, 1851, our home was brightened by the advent of a son, Joseph Henry, a bright, beautiful boy, who carried with him a little less than two years, and after six weeks of patient suffering, took his flight to a better world. His own dear mother had preceded him, only two short weeks after his birth, leaving the home which had been lighted with joy for a few days, in darkness and sorrow. Of the weary, lonely weeks and months which followed, it is no fitting place here to speak in detail. I can adopt most profoundly, with reference to both mother and child, the touching lines of James Russell Lowell, in those admirable verses I have found utterance repeatedly for the deepest emotions of the heart.

"An angel stood and met my gaze,
Through the low doorway of the tent;
The infant's smile—the vision's light;
I saw the child she came and went."

"O when the room grows slowly dim,
And life's last light is nearly spent,
One angel of God these eyes will bring;
I only know she came and went."

In the quiet cemetery at South Deerfield their mortal dust reposes till the resurrection morning.

An incident which deeply moved me at the time, and which I can never recall without emotion, occurred only a month or two before the little boy's last illness. I was moving near the house, and did not notice how near the child was to me. He came running up behind me, and as the scythe was swung the end of the snath hit him in the mouth, knocking him down and cutting his lips and tongue. I feared for a moment it had struck his eye, and was greatly relieved when I found that his beautiful eyes—the copy of his mother's—were unhurt.

Another incident—for practical use, Joseph Henry was taught to say "please, papa" when he wanted a favor. On one occasion he was a little out of humor, and wished me to take him in my arms. I repeated the usual formula and extended my hands. He declined to say the word, but pressed his suit in his own way. I declined to take him till he repeated the words. He was left standing alone in the room, and cried profusely, of course. Every five minutes I entered the room and renewed the proffer, which I was sure he understood, but without success. The contest went on for an hour or more, which I felt was to be a salutary and decisive one—when at length in a subdued and gentle voice, "please, papa, take me," was uttered and the contest ended. There was no more dispute as to who should be the chief, on any question of authority and government.

There has not been a judicial hanging in Iowa for 25 years, lynching is unpleasantly frequent, and the Senate has instructed the judiciary committee to report a bill to "make more speedy and certain the conviction and punishment of criminals."

A paper ran by colored men in Pittsburg says: "Fred Douglass has married a red-headed white girl, 35 years old. We have no further use for him as a leader. His picture hangs in our parlor; we will hang it in the stable."

The United States patent office has done a constantly increasing business ever since it was established, paid all expenses from the fees exacted from inventors, and has a balance to its credit of about \$2,500,000.

A cockpit owner in Columbia, S. C., asks the city council to reduce his license fee from \$1000 to \$200, and in his petition declares that a majority of the members of the legislature approve cock-fighting.

A negro boat-black named Dudley went to a masked ball at Stamford, Ct., the other night and danced with a white girl. "When he unmasked there was a lively scene and Dudley was fired out."

A Chinaman who has been in this country since he was 15 years old, and has joined a Christian church, was refused citizenship in Washington on Saturday under the act of Congress of 1882.

It is reported from Peabody that some one threw a package of dynamite into the yard of Frank E. Farnham of that town, with a view to blow up the house, a few days since.

William M. Keith, the ex-collector of Brockton, who suddenly disappeared two weeks ago, returned home on Saturday with his father-in-law, Hon. Jonathan White.

Lord Bute has given an order to Miss Edmond A. Edwards, the American negro sculptress, to execute a marble statue of the Virgin Mary for one of his chapels.

There were 336 applications for divorce in Philadelphia last year, of which 224 were granted. More than half the applicants were women.

A gallon of powder exploded in Mrs. Wm. Wood's lap near Howard Furnace, O., the other day, killing her and one child and hurting two other children.

Saloon-keepers at Independence, Ia., ask the city council to impose a license tax upon the saloons, because it drives their customers away.

NEWS MISCELL.

The widow of Gen. Kilpatrick asks for a pension.

Chicago's new opera house will be nine stories high.

Widow Tom Thumb has returned to her old love—the side show.

Canada also takes steps to reduce her letter postage to two cents.

A New York undertaker took poison because "business was bad."

At a sale of relics in Baltimore, one hair of Henry Clay brought thirty cents.

Coin skins are used for currency at Calhoun, Ky., at the rate of 50 cents each.

A public meeting at Watertown Monday voted in favor of annexation to Boston.

A Lawrence doctor has nine patients suffering from over-taxation in skating-rinks.

A woman has applied for the position of driver on a line of San Francisco horse cars.

Of the 105,000 aliens landed at Castle Garden in 1885, 11,539 came to Massachusetts.

The Boston and Albany has added two new 76-seat passenger coaches to its equipment.

Candles, with pink shades, scattered about the room in pairs are becoming fashionable.

Etna is in a state of eruption. Strong earthquake shocks were felt before this began.

Congress on Monday voted \$300,000 for the relief of sufferers by the overflow of the Ohio River.

Six thousand people an hour cross on the Brooklyn bridge in foggy weather, deserting the ferries.

Bismarck and his son, the Count William, have both been cured of obesity by a Bismarckian diet.

The highest paid hotel clerk in New York gets a salary of \$3000 a year, in addition to his board and washing.

There is less building going on at Long Branch now than there has been at any time in the last ten years.

There have already been more than 15,000 Northern tourists in Florida, an increase of 4000 over the previous season.

It is reported that a California Judge puts his hair in curl papers every night, woman fashion, to make it curl.

The Morning News of New Haven, Ct., has been sued for libel by James Brownlee of Waterbury for \$5000 damages.

Rev. Hugh Montgomery of Norwich, Ct., has organized and uniformed a crowd of boys as "the total abstinence army."

Thirty cases of a diphtheric disease have appeared in St. John's school at Manlius, N. Y., and the school has been closed.

The heart of a Cass county, Ill., girl is located on her right side.

While a wedding party was crossing the ice on the river Theiss, Hungary, on Monday, thirty-five of the number were drowned.

A Stoughton, Ct., man has had \$1000 worth of live stock driven off by a sheriff, on a suit for an \$800 subscription to a church debt.

The 18 ostriches on the Anaheim farm in California laid 305 eggs last season, and yielded \$1500 worth of feathers. There are two "clips" of the plumage a year.

The New York fast train reaching Springfield at about 7 p. m. has been drawn from Boston this week by a new and powerful locomotive fresh from the Boston & Albany shops at Boston. It resembles the other half-dozen strong locomotives on the road, but is superior to them all in some respects.

Its number is 136 and it is a 40-ton engine, having 16-inch cylinders, and 22-inch stroke, 31 1/2-foot driving wheels, 72-inch steel boiler, and 221 two-inch tubes, 72-inch flaring fire-box, and is calculated to carry 160 pounds pressure. The locomotive is one of the most powerful ever made. The fact that it is but a few days out of the shops and is now making regular trips shows the advantage of a road's building its own locomotives, as a road that buys its engines must test them for two weeks and get them "broken in" before venturing to put them into regular work.

Prof. Warren, in a lecture at the New Haven, Ct., high school, Saturday, said that John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was once under indictment for smuggling \$400,000 worth of liquor into the colonies. Hancock's descendants recently engaged a man to write a biography of their great progenitor, but when the smuggling affair was exposed, the family paid the man \$1000 for the material and speeded the book.

When nine little boys on a sled broke through the ice on the Schuylkill at Philadelphia the other day and the crowd present proved helpless, brave John Hogan, a free ice all the little fellows but one, alive and unharmed. Hogan is a hard-working, honest fellow of 23, and a five-cent subscription has been started for him in that city.

The Cincinnati Enquirer thinks that no incident in the life of Wendell Phillips better illustrates the earnestness with which he fought slavery than his habitual reply when he was asked his terms for a lecture: "I will come and lecture on a literary subject for one hundred dollars a night and my expenses; on slavery for nothing and pay my own expenses."

A woman has been tending a switch at a railroad junction near Macon, Ga., since 1862, having succeeded her deceased husband, who was switchman for ten years previous. She is at her post from 6 in the morning till 6 in the evening, and during the whole long period of her service has never misplaced a switch. She is 62 years old.

The town of Anstin, away out in Nevada, actually has an ordinance that no boy under 14 shall be allowed to the streets or public places unaccompanied by parent or guardian after eight o'clock in the evening during the winter or \$30 in summer.

It seems that Fred Douglass made himself liable to a line of 5000 pounds of tobacco by importing a white woman, under an old Maryland law, which is still in force in the District of Columbia.

Dog-stealing has reached such a point at Boston that a protective association is talked of, and one man has offered \$1000 to start a fund with.

The bright autumn days the temptation to comfortable exposure yields its fruit in a most pernicious cough and irritation of the throat. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup stands unrivaled as a remedy for throat and lung diseases. 25 cents a bottle.

A heavy cut on prices is made by the Lewis, the State street shoe dealer, Springfield, for Call and Kip boots.

Forty-three thousand dollars' worth of Oil Paintings in the seventh annual exhibition of eminent American Artists, now on view at Gill's Art galleries, Springfield, Mass. An opportunity to see such a collection has never before been afforded in this, if indeed in any other locality.

D. Burns has bought the Furniture and Under-laying business of A. D. Slack & Co., of Rutland, Vt., to take possession April 1st, and his whole \$350,000 stock of new furniture at 400 Main street, Springfield, must be closed out before that time regardless of cost or value. The early buyers will have the greatest variety of choice.

I SUFFERED from acute inflammation in my nose and throat—for a week at a time I could not speak. I used Ely's Cream Balm and in a few days it was cured. It is wonderful how quick it helped me.—Mrs. GEORGE S. JONES, Hartford, Conn.

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Hollen work dress goods at 15 cents per yard. These goods were imported to retail at 37 1/2 cents. They are made of the Lisle thread and warranted fast colors.

Forbes and Wallace, Springfield, are offering Foulard silks in light shades at 37 1/2 cents. In dark shades, splendid quality, 50 cents. These prices are less than half the cost to manufacture. Summer silks, in dark stripe, 37 1/2 cents; in fine checks, 50 cents, worth 75 cents. They are offering a lot of the black silks from one of the best makers in the world at \$1.50 to \$2. per yard, which is 25 to 50 cents less than the goods can be sold for to pay the importer. Send for sample.

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BOEN. At North Wilbraham, 8th, a son to EDWARD DEAN. DIED.

At Palmer, 11th, at the residence of John A. Squier, Mrs. SARAH S. DOANE, 44. At Monson, 8th, LOUIS A. BLISS, 42.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Ellen Beasley, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds to the law direct. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same and all persons liable to said estate are required upon to make payment to C. L. GARDNER, Administrator. Palmer, Feb. 1st, 1884.

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WANTED. A competent MAN and WIFE to take charge of the Brimfield Almshouse for the ensuing year. Applications may be made to CHENEY NEWTON, Overseer of the Almshouse, Brimfield, Mass. or to HENRY F. BROWN, Poor. Brimfield, Feb. 7, 1884. 4517

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RUSKIN'S WORKS.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, 1884.

THURSDAY, April 3, has been designated as Fast Day by Gov. Robinson.

Gov. Robinson, yielding to the request of a number of prominent citizens, held a public reception at the state house to-day, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GRESHAM does not fancy political life, and it is believed that he will soon return to the bench, succeeding the venerable United States Judge Drummond of the 7th circuit.

The Senate has passed a bill giving the superior court exclusive jurisdiction in matters pertaining to divorce, etc., which will afford considerable needed relief to the supreme court if it becomes a law.

The Democratic national committee met in Washington to-day to decide upon a place for holding the national convention. Chicago and St. Louis are both striving to secure the convention, with the chances in favor of the former city.

Mr. BLAINE is so entirely out of politics that he declines to act as a delegate from Maine to the Republican National convention, or to name anybody to represent him there. His chances of securing the nomination are too far below par to warrant any effort in that direction, he probably thinks.

The Republican state committee met at Boston Wednesday, and voted to hold the state convention, for the choice of delegates at large to the national convention, at Boston, on Wednesday, April 30. Congressman Long will preside, and Hon. W. W. Crago of New Bedford will be chairman of the committee on Resolutions.

A CONFERENCE of Independent Republicans was held in New York to-day, to compare notes and take such steps as will impress upon the party leaders the necessity of nominating candidates, in the coming presidential contest, who will command the approval and support of the independent and thoughtful voters of the country.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS has been selected by the city government of Boston to deliver a eulogy upon Wendell Phillips at some future day; and none could do it better. Mr. Curtis performed the same office for Charles Sumner. Our distinguished orators are passing away, and one can but wonder who will be left to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of George William Curtis when he, too, shall have passed to the other side.

The state house is not so attractive to Butler's few admirers with Butler out of it as it was when he was the supreme executive magistrate. N. A. Plympton is soon to retire from the insurance business, and because he does not consider it proper to retain his position in the service of the state while acting as chairman of the Democratic state central committee, to which place he was elected a while ago. Tea to one that he wouldn't have been troubled by any conscientious scruples on that score had his chief been reflected last fall.

If the Republican national convention were to be held to-morrow, either Senator Edmunds or President Arthur would in all probability head the ticket, with Secretary Lincoln for vice president. But there seems to be a well-founded doubt about President Arthur's ability to carry his own state, which if developed into a certainty will be fatal to his prospects. Massachusetts, and probably all of New England, can be depended upon to rally around Senator Edmunds if he will consent to be a candidate, and the esteem in which he is held throughout the country would seem to make his nomination an easy matter and his election a certainty. It is still too early to forecast the result of the convention, however, and many candidates will come and go before it meets, or its decision is reached.

The bodies of Lieut. De Long and his crew of the ill-fated Jeannette expedition, ten in number, arrived in New York harbor Wednesday, and were laid at rest, to-day, in Woodlawn cemetery, with appropriate honors. It is two years since Lieut. Harber and Schuetz started on their long and weary mission to bring home the bodies of the dead heroes from the mouth of the Lena River, and it has been a work of no little magnitude and difficulty. Owing to the lack of dogs and deer, only half of the bodies were transported to Yakutsk the first winter. The others were taken from Matvel, the point of disinterment, to Yakutsk on the first snow, last October. This distance of 800 miles was made by reindeer sleds over the frozen Lena and rugged paths. From Yakutsk the bodies were drawn to Orskurg, a distance of 496 miles, on horse sleds, the balance of the journey being made by rail and steamers.

The event of the day at Cincinnati last Sunday was the concert at Music Hall, given by the Abbey company for the benefit of the sufferers by the flood, and in which all the leading singers took part. In response to an encore Nilsson played and sang "Please, sir, give me a penny," and then taking a basket and accompanied by some of the other singers, passed down the aisles, collecting nearly \$1400 for the sufferers.

Burglars broke into the house of Myer Abrams, at Boston Highlands, last Friday night, took what clothing they wanted and put it on, brought out eatables from the pantry and enjoyed a repast while reading a lot of letters found in Abrams's pockets; they then smoked cigars and left the butts on the dishes; taking the key of the store they went and got what they wanted, returned the key and packing up the silver were departed without disturbing any one.

Two negro boys, while digging on a plantation in Schley county, Ga., recently unearthed a box containing \$345 in gold and silver coin, and a bank of England note for £50. It is supposed to have been buried there by the owner of the plantation during the war, at the time of Gen. Wilson's raid through that part of the state.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

A smart thing—a mouthful of horse-radish.

A man who is endeavoring to call another over the telephone line may be said to be having a hell-o' a time.

What is the difference between a married woman and one who has just slipped down in the mud? One is madam, and the other is—well, she is.

There are some redeeming features about big feet, after all, as the man said when he saw a lady follow in his footsteps over a muddy crossing.

A mixture composed of cheap yellow sugar, sand and no one knows what, now appears in the market as "warranted new crop maple sugar."

It is said that when an Indian wants to swear he has to learn the English language, as there is nothing in his own which he can use to take the name of the Great Spirit in vain. No wonder poor Lo feels ground down.

If ever a man deserved to be tarred and feathered it is Joseph E. Badger, Jr., of Frankfort, Kan., who admits that he writes dime novels at the rate of about one a week, and for which he gets from \$100 to \$200 each.

An epizootic is raging among the cats of Windham, Ct., and already about 100 felines have succumbed to it. Let her rage—the country can afford to spare a few hundred dozen of the midnight opera performers, just as well as not.

The Cincinnati papers tell a story of the flood—and expect it to be believed, too—to the effect that an engine on the Ohio & Mississippi road got caught in a sudden rise of the river, and drew a train of eight coaches for a distance of three and one half miles through water from two to four feet deep. The Cincinnati reporters evidently never heard of Ananias, and are on ground elevated enough to have no fear of the present high water.

A terrible storm visited portions of Alabama and Georgia on Tuesday afternoon. In the vicinity of Ambersons, Ala., many houses were destroyed and 14 persons killed. At Cave Spring, Ga., a dozen houses were blown down, and a tobacco house \$20,000 damage was done, and a number of people narrowly escaped with their lives.

Other portions of the country have also suffered much by the storm. In North Carolina 50 lives have been lost, and an equal number of persons injured. Large trees were uprooted and huge stones blown about. At Los Angeles, Cal., the floods are terrible, and the people are in great distress. The storm of Tuesday night did a vast amount of damage all along the Ohio valley.

The people of Youngstown, O., are much excited over the case of a young girl who was supposed to have died, and whose body was taken to the public vault for burial. When the undertaker went to the vault the next day he found evidences of life in the coffin, and hastily placed the body in the care of a physician. Every effort is being made to save her life, but though her cheeks and lips are red, and her body pliable, the physicians are unable to determine whether there is any life or not, and state that they never saw anything like it before.

A Springfield policeman had a tough time of it in attempting to arrest a drunken man the other night. The fellow fought furiously and the officer attempted to handcuff him, when a friend crept up, and snatching the officer's club, dealt him two or three terrible blows over the head. Although a number of men saw the blows given, none of them offered any help, but the officer clung to his man and finally locked him up. He did not know and could not find his assailant.

A singular accident occurred at Bradford, Pa., Sunday night. An iron rod, eleven feet long, with which an oil well was being agitated, was blown out and up into the derrier. In descending it struck Jacob Diekey on the top of the head, coming out on the side and passing down through the left lung and out below the lower rib. He did not lose consciousness, and stood without flinching while the rod was pulled out, but lived only a short time afterwards.

A colored girl of 18 was abducted at Williamsburg, N. Y., on Saturday evening, while walking on the street with her mother. Her mother fainted and was carried home, where she died in half an hour from the effects of the fright. John R. Baylis, an agent of the Long Island railroad at Port Jefferson and a trustee of the Methodist church, and his wife, a leader in the revival meetings during the winter, have been arrested.

Italian laborers at Aberdeen, Md., captured A. J. Parliament, the contractor, last Saturday, and took him to a shanty three miles from the railroad. Word was sent to his friends that if they were not paid by noon all that was due them from Parliament, they would cut off his ears, and if he would be hung. A posse of 100 citizens went to his aid and succeeded in rescuing him unharmed.

The third annual concert, exhibition and ball of the Springfield bicycle club takes place this evening. The programme is very attractive, including some of the best fancy and trick riders in the country. Tufts and Canary are to give an exhibition of fancy riding for the championship of the United States.

Captain Paul Boyton has married a Chicago girl, and will settle down in New York and devote himself to submarine engineering. He has swum over 25,000 miles in his famous rubber suits.

An attempt was made at Hunter's Point, N. Y., last Saturday to blow up the Ridgebrook Park hotel, by means of a bomb, but failed because it was not placed near enough to the building.

Professor S. Wells Williams of Yale College, died at New York last Saturday evening, after an illness of about two weeks.

Thaddeus Avery of Chiefterville, N. Y., killed his wife and then cut his own throat on account of jealousy last Friday evening.

LOCAL NOTICES.

An elegant line of new designs in wall papers just opened at Hitchcock's.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Fast Day comes April 3d.

The days are decidedly longer.

A welcome stranger—the sun.

Washington's birthday, to-day.

Roller skating at the rink to-morrow.

Any mud the first of the week? Well, just a few.

The March winds are sending out their acrobatic couriers.

Only one more week of winter, and then—spring, giddle sprig.

On dit that another one of the Palmer girls is soon to marry a widower.

See to it that your street lamps are trimmed and burning these nights.

Pay-day on the New London Northern road at this place last Wednesday.

The banks and schools were closed to-day in honor of the Father of his Country.

Elder E. McCulloch of Springfield will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

Regular meeting of "Our Club" this evening with Dr. Stowe of Thorndike street.

"Paralyzed" was no name for the condition of several men seen on Main street at various times during the week.

Charles Deland, the Converse House barber, has returned from Portland, Me., where he has been to attend the funeral of his brother.

Rain, snow, hail and sunshine, ending with a freeze-up in the afternoon, were a few of the weather samples shown us on Wednesday.

What can the girls in this village be thinking of? Here are two months of leap year almost gone, and only one marriage license issued.

B. B. Adams, formerly agent of the B. & A. railroad at this place, has bought a house at Milford, where he intends to make his home in the future.

The members of the Hampden R. A. Chapter visit Springfield in a body this evening, returning by a special car on a freight train about midnight.

Charles Sanders, son of Conductor Sanders, has been added to the force of clerks at the freight office of the New London Northern road at this place.

All persons having bills against the school committee are requested to hand them in before next Monday noon, as the board will close its account at that time.

A tariff rate book for the insurance agents of Palmer, Monson, Brimfield, Wales and Holland, will be issued from the Journal's job rooms the first of next week.

Work on the inside of the new depot has been suspended for a couple of weeks in order to get the moisture thoroughly dried out, preparatory to putting in the wood work.

F. Davis, of the firm of Edgerton & Davis, started for Florida last night, and will spend four or five weeks in that charming land of oranges and flowers, with his brother.

A number of young people from this village go to Monson to-night to attend the last evening of the Universalist society's fair at Central Hall, and enjoy the social dance.

The muddy weather of the first of this week has led many to think that it would be a good idea if several of the street crossings in town were raised several inches—or the street lowered the same amount.

Frank E. Pettengill, a former resident of this place and an employee on the Ware River railroad, but recently of Milford, has been appointed agent of the Delaware and Hudson Canal road at Mechanicsville, N. Y.

The following are the names of scholars in the intermediate school who have been neither absent nor tardy during the past term: Lydia Allen, Edie Moffatt, David Dillon, Frank Holdsworth, Willie Roach, Eddie Slanks.

Dr. L. Simonsen, a chiropractor, whose advertisement will be found in another column, will be at the Nassovanno House for a few days, commencing the latter part of next week, where he will treat all who may need his services.

Now that Park street has been drained so well by the new sewer, some attention should be given to Church street, which is turned into a lake with every rain, the grade of the adjoining streets being such that the water has no chance whatever to run off.

Officer Palmer and Enos Calkins made a raid on Joseph Thompson last Saturday afternoon. Nothing was found at his store, but at his house about 120 gallons of liquor were seized. The case will come before the May term of the superior court at Springfield.

The lecture on Tuesday evening by Rev. Mr. Perry of Springfield, on "A Trip to the Moon," was listened to by a good sized and appreciative audience. It is hoped that enough interest has been awakened to warrant the engaging of some prominent speakers before the season is over.

W. H. Hellyar has decided to go into the insurance business again, and will occupy his old place on Church street, now taken as an office by Messrs. E. A. Buck & Co., oil dealers. He is to open his agency about the first of March, with a list of first-class companies.

George H. Jones, for some time past ticket clerk at the Boston & Albany depot in this place, has been promoted to night clerk in the ticket office in Springfield, and left this morning for his new field of labor. A young man from the Spencer office takes Mr. Jones' place here.

About 75 members of the Legislature came to Palmer on the 11.04 express yesterday morning, and took a special train to Amherst, to visit the agricultural college, reaching here at 6 p. m., on their return trip. After a supper at the Weeks House they returned to Boston on the 7.05.

The rehearsals for the three-act drama "Nevada," which is in preparation by the dramatic club, have commenced, and the entertainment will be given sometime in the early part of March. As this is to be the

last play of the season, those concerned are determined to make it the best, and are consequently working hard to insure its success.

The ladies of the Baptist society give a nut supper and pound party at the church vestry this evening. A supper consisting of scalloped oysters, baked beans, cold meats, etc., will be served from 6 to 8 at 25 cents per plate, after which the pound packages will be sold at auction. Barr's ice cream will be for sale, and a good supper and a good time is assured to all.

W. H. Hitchcock has sold his interest in the roller skating rink in this place to C. H. Baker, who will probably have a rink every Saturday, giving way, however, to any entertainment which may wish to come on those evenings. Mr. Baker will endeavor to make the rink popular enough to warrant its being kept open two evenings a week, and will no doubt engage fancy skaters and other attractions from time to time.

A lively fight between two cock sparrows took place on Main street this morning, and it was a hard fought battle. The one which was getting the worst of it would not give up, although the other would get him wedged down in a wagon track and do his best to tear him to pieces. A third hopped about the combatants and evidently acted as referee, while a whole flock on a tree near by were watching the fight. The combatants were so intent on the battle that they were nearly run over by a passing team.

The cornet band, which has been struggling hard all winter to keep on its feet, now finds that its treasury needs replenishing, and will give a concert and ball for that purpose next Tuesday evening, and hope that all who would like to see a good band in town next summer will help them along by purchasing tickets, which have been put at the low price of \$1 each for both concert and ball. The concert programme is as follows:

1. MARCH, Prussian Prize.
2. OVERTURE, Cullip de Bagdad. Boldien T. H. Rose.
3. SOLO, Bright Beyond.
4. THOMSON'S SOLO.
5. C. A. METCAL.
6. WALTZ, Tres Jolie. Op. 159. Wollenfel.
7. SELECTION, Charming Solo.
8. FINALE, Siege of Paris.

A fair sized audience assembled at Wales Hall Wednesday evening to hear the reading of Miss Nellie Jackson of Bridgeport, Ct.

Miss Jackson has a very good voice, and easily adapts herself to the piece she is giving, but if she would acquire a habit of speaking slower and would keep a position on the stage nearer the footlights, her audience would doubtless be much better satisfied, and enabled to hear much which they are otherwise unable to catch. It is but just to say, however, that she was suffering from a severe cold, having been quite sick until a few hours before her start for this place Wednesday noon. The selections were none of them very heavy, and two or three have been given here several times. The "Bad Girl's Story" was decidedly the best rendered piece of the evening.

THE WEATHER OF THIS WEEK.

Has been of the proverbial New England kind, and has consisted of enough varieties and kinds to satisfy the most particular weather collector imaginable. "You pays your money and you takes your choice" could well be applied to the weather we have had since Saturday night. Rain commenced to fall about the time the churches were dismissed on Sunday, much to the dismay of church goers and the dampening of good clothes, and continued to fall the balance of the day. Monday was slightly rainy, with a light snow storm just at night. Tuesday the rain seemed determined to make up for lost time, and fell all day—but Wednesday was the banner day of the week, and gave us rain, hail and snow, at one time all three together, until about two o'clock, when it cleared off and the sun came out as pleasant as could be, and the day ended with a solid freeze-up of everything. Yesterday morning was cold and windy, the afternoon sunny and muddy, and to-day is the first real pleasant day we have had in nearly four weeks.

SUDDEN DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE.

Otis B. Richardson, an employee at the flour and feed store of Fosket & Holbrook, dropped dead at the store about 4.50 last Saturday afternoon. He was in the office making some entries on the books, when a customer drove up and wanted some bran. He had brought out one or two bags on the truck, and helped throw them on the wagon, but as he came with the next one Mr. Holbrook noticed he passed the window with only one hand on the truck, the other being pressed to his head. Arriving at the team alley he dropped the handle of the truck and sat down on the bag, apparently much exhausted, and holding his head in his hands. He was immediately helped into the office and asked if he would like some water, giving a nod in the affirmative. Mr. Holbrook, who was there at the time, immediately went for some, and upon returning, seeing that he was rapidly failing, went at once for Dr. Holbrook, but before his return, which was in less than ten minutes, the sick man was beyond all help. After taking a drink of water he spoke once, put his hand to his head and said, "I never had such a feeling in my life," these being the last words he uttered.

The deceased was about 52 years of age, and came here from Ware nearly four years ago and has been in the employ of Fosket & Holbrook nearly all of the time since then. He had been troubled with a severe cold the first of the week, and for two days had not worked, but was back again feeling better than ever. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden death. He leaves a wife and one son, the latter employed in the office of the American Express Company at this place.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The second Farmers' Institute was held at the Weeks House last Tuesday. Quite a large number of farmers were present from the surrounding towns. The officers of the society were disappointed in the matter of obtaining a speaker from the State Board of Agriculture, so the meeting depended upon home talent and the experience of farmers for instruction on "Stock Raising."

Mr. Carpenter of Monson opened the ball by stating what he thought about the question. It was his opinion that it was best to have mixed stock and of the larger

breeds. He thought the Jersey breed too small for beef or oxen, though there was no doubt about its value for butter making. E. B. Gates advocated the raising of sheep as a source of profit. He had known pastures to be reclaimed by them, after they had had the run of certain lands for some years in succession, whereas the same pastures had run out when other stock was substituted. Col. Tufts of the State Primary School thought it a good plan to cross Holstein and Ayrshire breeds in order to make better milk producers. C. E. Dewey took strong ground for the Jersey for a butter producing cow, in proof of which he exhibited specimens of milk, taken from the cows at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, which showed 25 per cent of cream. He would not claim that the Jersey was the best for beef or work, but was *par excellence* the best for butter.

Mr. Hodge of Monson advocated hunted stock on the farm with a good sprinkling of sheep. He thought by having all kinds of stock one could meet his wants better than to confine one's self to a single kind. Messrs. Tucker, Ramsdell, Chamberlain, Mooers, Smith, Keyes and others took part in the discussion that followed, and made the meeting very interesting and profitable.

The next institute will be held Tuesday, March 11th. The question adopted was "Market Gardening."

PALMER CENTER.

There was a dance at Charles Place's last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George King went to Boston Wednesday to commence a course of lessons in portrait and landscape painting from a celebrated artist of that city.

LUDLOW.

The ladies sewing society met with Mrs. Davenport last Wednesday afternoon and evening.

James M. White is constantly receiving oxen and cows, and any one in pursuit of such stock will do well to call at his place. Last week he sold to Monroe Keith of Granby a nice Durham cow for \$75, said to give 20 quarts of milk per day.

BRIMFIELD.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held a social at the vestry of the First church on Wednesday evening. One of the attractions was a "singing off" in regular camp style.

The First parish, at their meeting on Monday voted to accept the resignation of Rev. S. V. McDuiffe, also to waive the three months' notice required by the agreement which he came here. Mr. McDuiffe expects to leave on Monday next for his new field of labor.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Dr. Fox will preach at the Chapel at 5 o'clock Sunday.

Another of those irresistible surprise parties occurred at Miss Atchinson's Wednesday evening, and the boys, of course, were there.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society netted \$80 from the supper and sale of fancy goods. Owing to the poor condition of the roads and unfavorable weather, few friends came from abroad, among them, however, we noticed the familiar faces of Charles S. Fuller and wife of Somers, Ct., and George McGregory and wife of Springfield.

WILBRAHAM.

"Philo" and "Club" hold a union society this evening.

Miss Mary Weatherhead has resigned her classes at the academy for the remainder of the term, on account of ill health, and Mrs. Prof. Lloyd will supply her place.

The farmers' club will meet next Monday evening with D. A. Atchinson of Maple street. Topic for discussion "which is the most profitable for farm work, horses or oxen?"

Hubbard & Co. have engaged the services of E. E. Xaromore of Sharon, to take the place of C. M. Pease who resigned to take a position with Carr & Co. of Springfield, as traveling salesman.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. William Howlett has bought the Anderson farm in Stafford, lately owned and occupied by John Slater.

Cyrus Lee has bought the Urban Bartlett place in Stafford, lately occupied by Robert Ralston, but more recently by Mr. Kemp.

The Hampden Brass Band re-organized last week with 20 pieces, and is likely to be permanent, as it is composed of resident young men and not transient laborers in the mills. A. F. Ballant is president, M. H. Warren secretary, Andrew J. Dart treasurer, and Richard D. Bourke of Pittsfield, promoter. Mr. Bourke has had several years' experience as a leading musician, was a musician several months in the army, and comes well recommended. Under his training the band ought to make rapid progress.

THORNDIKE.

The schools closed Thursday for a three-weeks' vacation.

It is currently reported that the late residence of Jacob Stever is soon to be sold.

There was a social in the vestry of the Congregational church Wednesday evening.

Rev. O. R. Hunt preached in the absence of the pastor.

Conjecture has taken another twist this week. It is now circulated that the factories here will be under the permanent management of E. H. Baker of Ware, who will employ a superintendant.

Ida A. Taft, who has taught the Thorndike intermediate school so satisfactorily for the past four years, takes charge of the Palmer intermediate school the ensuing year. Jennie Coto, Helen Hutchinson, Mary Sullivan, Frank Coto, Patsy Fleming, Willis Laplant, Eugene Lester, Charlie McCormick, Henry Shabot, Jerry Sugrue. Names of pupils in the intermediate school

having no absent or tardy marks during the winter term.—Peter Laplant, George Hutchinson, Maggie Mannix, Grace Lester, Mary Gerald, Anna Taft.

MONSON.

There were three marriages in town Tuesday.

Selectman Topliff is soon to go to California for a visit.

Prof. Chumock gives a reading at Central Hall next Tuesday evening.

There will be a Sunday school concert at the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

One drunken man was arrested on Monday, the first arrest for that offense in six months.

W. A. Deichmann has moved into his house on Hampden court, and will rent his Main street residence.

Rev. E. H. Hyington is to deliver a historical address at the Congregational church at Windsor, Vt., next Sunday, that being his first parish.

The Universalist fair at Central Hall has been well attended thus far, and the receipts have been \$400 and \$500. It will close this evening with a social dance.

W. N. Flynn & Co. have erected temporary buildings for the workmen, and have derricks, etc., in readiness to push work on the new town house as soon as the weather will permit.

Rev. W. H. Dearborn of Hartford is to preach at Central Hall next Sunday morning and evening. As he is one of the ablest speakers in the Universalist denomination, no doubt all will want to hear him.

An apron and necktie party will be given at the academy next Friday evening for the benefit of the senior class. An admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged, which will include an apron or tie. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

There will not be a masquerade party at the rink at Green's Hall next Tuesday evening, as has been reported. The selectmen have become very conscientious recently, and threaten to prosecute the managers if they give a masquerade. To-morrow evening the band will be in attendance, and a general good time is expected.

Not a very large audience gathered at the Central Hall rink last Friday evening to see Prof. Purdy of Boston, in his impersonation of our country consul's first attempt on rollers, and exhibition of fancy skating. The first part of the programme was considerably overdrawn, as no beginner ever was as sure on his feet, or remained so long in the balance between the air and floor as did Purdy. The exhibition of fancy skating which followed was very good, a number of difficult feats being performed. Purdy is no doubt a good one where the hull is large enough, but it was plainly seen that the floor was much too small for him on this occasion.

Mr. Editor:—A correspondent of the Springfield Republican says: "Cider is selling from \$1.50 to \$4 a barrel, one dealer retailing it in 'no license' Monson for 30 cents a gallon." From all appearances cider is not the only thing of the kind which is retailed in this "no license" town. When a man can go from his supper and return in an hour so drunk as to be hardly able to walk, it would seem to indicate pretty strongly that the ardent and plenty of it, is easily obtainable somewhere in town. The shouting and disturbance of those returning home, which is frequently heard on our streets in the evening, would also indicate that liquor was sold in town. Where are those who were appointed to look after this matter?

WARE AND VICINITY.

Nearly half enough subscriptions have been received to insure a second edition of "Ware Illustrated," from those who were disappointed in getting a copy of the first edition.

All possible measures are being taken to stop the spread of that dread disease—the scarlet fever—among the children. The board of health have procured notices to be placed upon houses wherein there are cases, warning people to keep away from them.

The Unitarian society is planning for one of their good times next week Thursday, the festivities commencing with a grand turkey dinner at 12 m. In the evening there is to be a "Who is who?" or a masquerade party, with an entertainment of singing, tableaux, etc., with the fun at the unmasking at 8 o'clock.

The second complimentary musical entertainment of the Ware Cadet Band, Harry Prendiville director, will be held at Firemen's Hall next Monday evening, with that given entirely new programme from that given last month, and in the larger hall it cannot fail to be more enjoyable. Five of the pieces on the programme are of Mr. Prendiville's composition, and a part of them are now for the first time played in public—in advance of their publication.

The officers made a successful raid Tuesday evening on Thomas McCarthy on Pine street, securing a quantity of whisky. It was a great surprise to most people, as McCarthy had been known as a young man of pleasing address, of whom better things were expected. A bad feature of the case was that it was not only found to be a liquor nuisance, but a gambling hell as well, where several young men were found seated at the table with implements at hand. The two usually go together in such places. The authorities cannot be complimented too highly for ferreting out such places, which are constantly starting up in a large and compact village like ours, greatly to the injury of our young men and boys.

Capt.—The family of the late Otis B. Richardson desire to acknowledge the kindness and sympathy manifested toward them by their friends in their great affliction, and to thank them for the same.

Palmer, Feb. 20, 1884.

Mrs. Mary Miller of New Orleans, whose application for a license as steambot captain has caused so much comment, has passed a successful examination and gets her license as "Mrs. Captain Miller."

Charles H. Rugg, the Long Island negro who was awaiting trial for the murder of the Mayhew family and the assault upon Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, escaped from jail Sunday evening.

A new company has just been

Rome and Florence are full of Americans. There were 165 deaths in Boston last week. Henry Irving has sent \$250 to the sufferers by the floods. Judge Symonds of the supreme court of Maine has resigned. The feminine world of Paris is indulging in hand-painted bonnets. South Africa exported fourteen millions worth of diamonds last year. Christine Nilsson is taxed \$123,000 worth of real estate at New York city. Fatal cases of trichinosis have just occurred in Michigan and Indiana. Tulips and jonquils are the favorite flowers of the season for decoration. A Colorado senator is credited with making \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year at poker. A Danish woman at London, Minn., recently gave birth to five healthy children. There were lost during the month of December 161 sailing vessels and 21 steamers. General Hugh H. Baxter, a prominent Vermontor, died at New York Sunday evening. The Chinese are swarming into Mexico along the trunk lines of railroads by hundreds. A jeweler in Maiden Lane, New York, has a ruby on exhibition which weighs 101 1/2 carats. Wendell Phillips gave all his property to his wife, with unlimited power as to its disposal. The Brooklyn Enterprise claims that two local cases of consumption have been cured by prayer. It is said that Quincy A. Shaw, a very rich Boston man, is backing the Cape Cod canal project. Henry Ward Beecher expects to go to Europe on a lecturing tour in the spring or early summer. A new-born New Haven, Ct., baby has 2 noses each as perfect as a baby's single nose usually is. One Bridgeport, Ct., firm is making 400 dozens of base balls a day, having in its employ 200 hands. There is a considerable exodus of South Carolina negroes this season, chiefly to Arkansas and Texas. A professional tramp who makes speeches on any subject for ten cents each is on a tour through Texas. Every communion Sunday Mrs. Annie Gordon of Bluffton, S. C., walks four miles to church. She is 111. Oxford county (Me.) farmers are going out of the hop growing business, as they do not find it profitable. Men, boys and brutes killed in one hour with clubs 2100 robins at a robin roost in North Carolina last Friday. The Texas Legislature has appropriated \$200,000 for the representation of the State at the New Orleans World's Fair. A miniature of the first slave ever freed in this state has been presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society. A babe that was born in the court house at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Sunday, has been christened Ohio Dugan Wallington. In England two weeks ago butterflies were numerous, peas were above ground, and fuchsias and roses were in leaf. All goods manufactured in the New Jersey state prison were stamped, "Manufactured in the New Jersey State Prison." There are in Greenwood, Me., three old ladies over 80 years of age. All of them smoke tobacco, and have since they were girls. Mrs. Rufus Stowe of Marlboro, celebrated her 93d birthday last Friday, 11 children dining with her on the happy occasion. It is estimated that 120,000 valentines passed through the New York post office on Thursday, which is about the same number as last year. A bill has been passed in the House at Washington increasing the weight at which transient papers may be sent for single postage to four ounces. The floods of last year nearly wiped out the ancient Illinois town of Shawneetown, and the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to help the people around the place get in their crops. By the recurrence of the deluge this year that crop has been landed by water in New Orleans, and is seeking a foreign market via the Gulf Stream by individual kernels. As no Legislature is sitting this year the Shawneetown folks—now viewing the ruin from the hilltops—must cast about for some field of labor where their enthusiasm shall not receive such an annual dampener as four feet of water in the attic. The state supreme court has decided that citizens of the town of Brookline cannot prevent the erection of telegraph poles on the highways, as it is a public means of transmitting information, for which the highway was originally taken, even if the means adopted are different from the post-man or mail coach. Luminous harness is the latest device used in England to make the dark horse visible at night. A phosphoric paint applied to the blinkers, collar, and other parts of the trappings is used to bring the result about. Dog-racing is becoming a popular sport in Philadelphia. The distance is from 100 to 500 yards; the dogs evince great interest in the competition, and speculation is lively in the betting ring. Among the recent offerings at the grave of Victor Emmanuel was a wreath of gold set with jewels, which was brought by pilgrims from Palermo, and said to have cost \$200,000. A salesman in Covent Garden market, London, recently advertised for a few pounds of ripe strawberries, stating that he had a special order and could get 43 per pound. A New London citizen has a curious pet-ratification. It is a branch of a tree, evidently white birch, covered with oysters from the size of a cent to that of a dining plate. Of the 4,440,822 pieces of mail matter sent to the dead-letter office last year over 34,000 contained money, checks, etc., the value represented being about \$1,030,000. Bristol (N.H.) churches have a new wrinkle in their way of exchanges. On a recent Sunday the choirs of two churches "exchanged," as pastors are wont to do. Since its formation, three years ago, the ladies' branch of the Anti-Slavery League at Lynn has sent \$1200 across the water for the relief of the sufferers in Ireland. The Illinois supreme court has declared the Harper high license law, with its uniform rate of \$200 for liquor and \$150 for beer, valid and constitutional. It cost Boston, last year, \$11,784 to entertain distinguished strangers, and \$5005 for entertaining distinguished persons visiting the foreign exhibition. Queen Victoria has three yachts at her service, worth over \$1,000,000, and costing \$175,000 for maintenance, but has not used them 10 days in 10 years. It is reported that along the St. John river in Maine over 100 caribou have been killed this season. As many as six herds have been seen at once. The divorced wife of "Alfred" Murray will practice medicine in New Haven, and will start with some of the first families in the city. An aged couple at Milwaukee, Wis., were found dead in each other's arms on Wednesday, having died a natural death.

The New England town meeting is celebrated everywhere as the nursery, if not the pattern, of our democratic form of government. The perfect freedom of debate and equality of ballot are the foundation stones of the edifice. "Arise! I see the powers that be, I stand by Empire's primal springs; And prudence meet in every street, And hear the tread of unwarmed kings. Not lightly fall, beyond recall, The written scrolls I breathe and float; The crowning fact, the kindest act, Of freedom, is the freeman's vote." Yet an ingenious man, watching his chance, can do great injustice and mischief even here. One of the laws of the state in 1851, required that a man must have paid a tax in the state within six months in order to be entitled to vote. I was a new comer in Franklin county and had paid no tax there, though I had elsewhere. The meeting was held at Old Deerfield, some five miles from my residence, and I had no tangible proof of having paid a tax within the specified time. On that slender thread my vote was challenged by a certain lawyer, and the selectmen were not smart enough to see that the burden of proof, after my direct testimony to the fact of having paid a tax, lay upon the objecting party, and so I was refused the right to cast my vote! Some of my friends immediately chartered a team, rode to my house at more than post haste, my wife, fortunately, found a tax receipt, dated within the six months, which was produced in season to satisfy the demands of the law, or the lawyer, and to allow me to vote. If the game could be tried over, I would dare them to refuse my vote, and prosecute for damages if it were done. The experiences of the voters were not all of the bitter and trying kind. An occasional oasis changed and cheered the scene. In the autumn of 1852 the paragon home was again brightened by the advent of a new mother, to the orphanage—a graduate of Mr. Holyoke Female Seminary and teacher at Williston Seminary, who had been one of my former flock in Palmer, and knew and loved her predecessor in the household. But suddenly the scene changes again. The new matron had just begun to enter upon plans for the improvement of the young people of the parish, when she was seized with a violent sickness, and confined to her bed for several months—borne down to the very borders of the river of death, across which she began to look with longing "desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." For six months the family physician, Dr. N. G. Trow of Sunderland, was a daily visitor at her bedside, and more than once a day, and, never to my knowledge, did he enter or depart from the sick room without a benignant smile. When the rest of us were ready to say "there is no hope," he would calmly reply "while there is life there is hope." And so it proved in the present case. Gradually she came up from a state of very great weakness and emaciation to take charge of her household once more and impart anew the cheer and gladness of her own sunny spirit to all around her. The history of the long, long weeks of watching and anxiety, though full of deepest interest to the writer, cannot be given here. Yet, a few passages perhaps, as specimens of many others, will be welcomed by not a few who knew and loved the one that attended them: "This is not hard suffering," she said; "my lot is not a hard one, though not as bright and joyous as some. Our Father knows it all—He knows why—and He is so kind and so near that I cannot be discontented." Again, May 8, '53, a stormy day, and yet no cloud within. She spoke in the same strain as before; so grateful, even to tears, for every kindness of her friends, and every alleviation of her pain. Miss Steele's beautiful hymn was repeated to her—

"When verdure clothes the fertile vale, And blossoms deck the spray, And fragrance breathes in every gale, How sweet the vernal day! "That is just what we have been asking," she said, "love and gratitude"—referring to the last two sermons I had written, on these themes, at her suggestion—"He has made it bloom in my heart. It is very pleasant to see the flowers in my room; but yesterday I caught a glimpse of the flowers of heaven, transcendently beautiful. It was just what I needed, this long affliction, that I might learn to prize better the goodness of God." May 27 I entered her room in the afternoon and found her leaning upon her elbow in bed. "I was just thinking," she said, "that I would not wish to get well one moment before God's time. I have sometimes felt a little impatient, but it's all over now. His time is best." "O, 'tis so precious to feel that our Father knows so much better than we do, and that He will do all just right."

These county taxes for the current year have been reported by the Legislative committee on county estimates: Barnstable, \$12,000; Berkshire, \$60,000 (of which \$10,000 must be applied to a redemption of county debt); Bristol, \$100,000; Dukes, \$7100 (\$1000 to be paid on the county debt); Essex, \$205,000 (\$40,000 to go to the debt); Franklin, \$28,000 (\$2000 for the debt); Hampshire, \$38,000 (\$1000 for the debt); Middlesex, \$100,000; Norfolk, \$25,000; Plymouth, \$45,000; Worcester, \$102,500 (\$2500 for federal and state reports and statutes for the county law library); Hampden, \$80,000 (\$6,500 for the debt).

The company which now owns a charter for the construction of a canal across Cape Cod—the third company and the third charter since the project was first declared feasible in 1863—has already expended so much money on the work, according to the Boston Transfer, as to furnish the best guarantee of its completion. A dredge costing about \$100,000, with a capacity of 9,000 cubic yards in ten hours, has just been built and will be set at work as soon as the weather becomes settled. The contractor was four years in which to complete the work, but the company is sanguine that it will be done within two years. Rev. J. G. Wood of New York has for four years kept a lump of Nile mud with a hole on one side, showing that a mud fish was in it, and upon cutting the thing open the other day the fish was in good order with its tail doubled over its head, just as when it began its nap 20 years ago. A very persuasive rascal induced a number of ignorant Illinois women to cut off their hair and intrust it to him to be made up into fashionable forms. They expected to thus achieve a permanent and beautiful style of coiffure; but they never saw the man or the material again. The last 75 miles of the Mexican Central Railroad will be finished March 15, thus making a continuous railroad connection between New York and the City of Mexico, a distance of about 2700 miles. The method of a California divorce lawyer was to erase the names from old decrees and write in those of new clients. These fraudulent papers were then regularly filed in court. The total value of our exports of cattle, meats and dairy products for the month of January last was \$9,094,177, as against \$10,978,824 for the same month in 1883. A number of regular boarders in a San Francisco hotel felt insulted and went away because Johnny Sullivan and his gang of pugilists were received as guests.

The March Atlantic continues Dr. Mitchell's story, "In War Time," and Mr. Crawford's, "A Roman Singer." These, though unlike, are two of the most interesting serial stories that have appeared from American writers for a long time. Henry A. Clapp contributes an intelligent and dispassionate article on Henry Irving, the famous English actor. Mrs. E. D. R. Blandford, an American lady who has lived in Italy for years, describes "A Pisan Winter," which includes a story, "The Discovery of Peruvian Bark," by H. M. Lyman is an intelligent paper upon quinine which is so much used in medical practice. "The Journal of a Hebraean Baronesse" cuts from the writings of Baroness von Hilestam many curious facts relating to European campaigns during the Revolution. "Journey from Lost Creek," which is a story of East Tennessee life, by Charles Egbert Craddock, who knows that peculiar life so intimately and describes it well and dramatically, will be finished in the April number. Other interesting articles are "Don John of Austria," by Alexander Young; "The Sources of Early Jewish History," an excellent example of what is now known as the "higher criticism" of the Bible, by Rev. Philip H. Wicksteed, a learned English clergyman; "The Fate of Mansfield Humphreys," a continuation of Mr. R. G. White's articles on "Mr. Washington Adams," by Sir Samuel Baker; and "A Visit to Philistia," by Sir Lepel Griffin. There is another installment of Ivan Turgenev's prose poems, "scintilla," which will be read with great interest. A very remarkable short story is "Old Lady Mary" from Blackwood's, by Mrs. Oliphant, one of the most original and unique short stories ever written. A vivid picture of medieval Italian life is given in "A Florentine Trademark's Diary," which will be completed in the next number. Other striking papers are: "Earthquake Weather," "Tragedy in Japan," "Personal Recollections of Gambetta," by Sir Samuel Baker; and "A Visit to Philistia," by Sir Lepel Griffin. The poems are from Swinburne, Tennyson, and Browning. The magazine, in its entirety, is of great interest, and contains more variety than usual in spite of several lengthy papers. Published by E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond Street, New York. We have received from Palliser, Palliser & Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., a copy of their new work on building and architecture, entitled "Palliser's Useful Details," consisting of forty plates, each 20x36 inches. Every plate is engraved and printed as a facsimile of original drawing, without reduction, therefore just the same as if drawn by hand for placing in the hands of the mechanic for execution. They are given at a very large scale, none being smaller than 3/4 inch to foot, and many are larger, and up to half full size; in fact they are so plain that every mechanic and apprentice can readily understand them. If you wish to build a fence, a door, a mantelpiece, book case, or any other feature for outside work, as inside work, as gasolite finish; a porch, veranda, cornice, bay window, or to finish up a dining room or hall in any special style or manner, here are the ideas that give the key to enable one to work out his problems. No matter what kind of a job it is to be done, the book contains the key to help out. When one looks at the contents in detail, it is surprising that so much can be given at so low a price. Only \$3.00 for these 40 plates—only 75 cents each—which furnish the mechanic nearly every detail he needs that they want and use every day. We are glad to be able to commend this work so warmly. It is just what has been needed by the building community, and we will be pleased to show this work to any of our mechanics who are interested, as all are or should be, in the beautiful in architecture. Reputation with posterity has ever been esteemed one of the most powerful incentives to deeds of heroism; and one modern school of philosophy recognizes as the only true immortality of man, the enduring beneficent influence of his virtuous acts. It, however, the fabric of our civilization were seen to be tottering, it is plain that this particular stimulus to virtue would fail. But "Is our Civilization Perishable?" This question is asked in the North American Review for March, by Judge J. A. Jameson, who considers the several agencies by which the overthrow of the existing civilization might be effected. In the same number there is an article of extraordinary interest on "Agricultural Policies in England," by William K. Bear, editor of the Mark Lane Express. "A Defence of the Unprotected Condition of the Laborers and coast cities of the United States; and though the author employs none of the arts of the rhetorician, his statement cannot fail to awaken the people of this country to the importance of being in peace prepared for war. "Neither Gentia nor Martyr" is the judgment pronounced upon the wife of Carlyle by Alice Hyemman Rhine, whose contribution to the Carlyle controversy is characterized by much force. In "The Story of a Nominant," W. O. Stoddard recounts the hitherto unpublished diary of Abraham Lincoln for a second presidential term was brought about. Other articles are "Literary Reassurances," by Charles T. Condon; "How to Improve the Mississippi," by Robert S. Taylor; and "The Constitutionality of Repudiation," by D. H. Chamberlain and John S. Wise. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

Ex-Gov. John B. Page of Vermont, has been sued by the Rutland Railroad company for \$200,000, which it is claimed he borrowed to the road, and was retained by him while he was president of it. We can, without hesitation, say that Dr. Paul's Cough Syrup has given the best satisfaction. We have sold an immense lot of it during the past winter. Wallace, Hilton & Co., druggists, Look Haven, Pa. With the raft of new goods and a "special sale" it is no wonder they are doing a rushing business at Morse's Central shoe store, Springfield. D. Burns, Springfield, is to close out his \$30,000 stock of furniture at 400 Main street, before April 1st, because he has bought the furniture and undertaking business of A. D. Snek & Co., of Rutland, Vt., to take possession April 1st. Early buyers receive the best choice of bargains. Forbes & Wallace, Springfield, have received a new lot of summer silks all the leading shades. They offer them at 50 cents. The colors are wine, sapphire, brown, steel, garnet, guetelle, Navy, mulberry, sage. They are offering black silks at 50 cents, worth \$1. Smith & Murray, Springfield, offer 60 pieces real French all wool dress goods at 50 cents per yard, never sold under \$1.00 to \$1.25. They offer 75 pieces fancy silks, in stripes and checks of very high quality at 50 cents per yard; same grade sold last year at 75 cents. The finest exhibition of paintings by Albert Bierstadt, Wm. G. Brown, Wm. J. Bennett, J. F. De Haas, Genl. Wood, Turner, Tat Myant and sixty other eminent artists will close next week Saturday night and all should improve the chance to see them in Gill's Art Galleries in Springfield. FERRITER. Paine is doing probably the largest furniture business of any in New England, if not in America. Confined principally to manufacturing, importing and selling their own products, and importing those they have little competition. Their ware-rooms are very attractive, lighted through the day by electric lights. They sell for net cash, one price, wholesale or retail, believing that house-keeper's ready cash, as good as a dealer's. Fully 25 per cent is saved by purchasing of them, and selecting from choice new styles and having everything warranted as represented. Entrances to ware-rooms, 441 Friend St., and 48 Canal St., opposite the Maine Depot, Boston. I SUFFERED from acute inflammation in my nose and head—for a week at a time I could not see. I used Ely's Cream Balm and in a few days it was cured. It is wonderful how quick it helped me.—MRS. GEORGE S. JENSON, Hartford, Conn. For fifteen years I was annoyed with a burning pain in the head and face, which was cured by Catarrh. My sense of smell was much impaired. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm I have overcome these troubles.—J. B. CASE, St. Dennis Hotel, Boston.

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My Valentine.
O sweet! will thou
Forever be my Valentine
Sweetheart, my chaste and ardent vow
I thine alone, yes, thine alone, only thine.
Thine eyes are like the stars at night,
Thy skin is soft and pure and white
As white as the snow of drifted snow
And all that sort of thing, you know
Know, while round your cherry lips
I wait the smiling sign
That in thy glow
Thou'lt ever be my Valentine!
—Earl March, in Boston Folio.

ADVICE TO HUSBANDS.

You have no right to take the pleasures of the home without also taking its responsibilities. You owe something to your children besides food, shelter, clothing and education. He who gives them only this makes his home only a half-orphan's asylum. Every father ought to father his own children. The evening hour should be the children's hour. I know you have come home tired; I know the day has been one of long battle, and that you are weary with questions to be answered and problems to be solved. But I also know that the best way to lay down business cares is to take up home cares; that the best way to keep young is to give an hour every day after supper to the children—to their sports, their studies, their life-problems and their life-joys. He that giveth his life shall save it. But were it otherwise, it is an heroic, unchivalric, cowardly, to run away and leave all the cares of the children at night on the same shoulders which have borne them all the day.

You owe something else to your wife than a home and money to keep it going. You would owe this to your housekeeper. To leave her every evening and go off to the gossip of your club or of the village store is not keeping your promise to leave all others and cleave only to her. To leave her to sit in loneliness while the lazy clock ticks the hours away is not keeping your promise to comfort and cherish her. When you took her from her father's home you bound yourself to provide her with a new one, and you do not fulfill that pledge in providing her a cell, however luxurious it may be, for the lonely life of a married old maid. No wife ought to be left by her husband to be a nun.

Put yourself in her place. Send her off for a week on a visit; spend your evenings alone—six of them will be enough for an experiment—and see how you like it. Or, if you cannot persuade her to desert you for even a week, though you have deserted her for many a week, perhaps many a month, imagine her going off to club, her sewing circle, her gossip with a neighbor, night after night, leaving you to sit alone in your solitary room—a married old bachelor. How would you like it? Why not sauce for the goose sauce for the gander? How does your life look to you when measured by the Golden Rule? Are you doing to the one you profess to love best as you would have her do to you?—*Christian Union.*

DISAPPOINTING A BALKY HORSE.

A Leicester farmer recently broke his horse of a balky freak in a very quiet and, as he claims, not a cruel manner. His horse is in excellent flesh and shows no signs of neglect on the part of the owner. He drove him attached to a rack wagon, to the wood-lot for a small load of wood. The animal would not pull a pound. He did not beat him with a club, but tied him to a tree and let him stand. He went to the lot at sunset and asked him to draw, but he wouldn't straighten a tug. "I made up my mind," said the farmer, "when the horse went to the barn he would take that load of wood. The night was not cold. I went to the barn, and got blankets and covered the horse warm, and he stood until morning. Then he refused to draw. At noon I went down and he was probably hungry and lonesome. He drew that load of wood the first time I asked him. I then returned another load before I fed him. I then rewarded him with a good dinner, which he eagerly devoured. Once he refused to draw, but soon as he saw me start for the house he started after with the load. A horse becomes lonesome and discontented when left alone, as much so as a person, and I claim this method, if rightly used, is far less cruel and is better for both horse and man than to beat the animal with a club."

UNINTELLIGIBLE OCCUPATIONS.

The avocation of a "worm-eater" or one who makes pretended worm holes in various objects in order to give them an appearance of antiquity, was humorously referred to by Sir Charles Dilke in his recent speech at Hammersmith. This does not, however, appear by any means a solitary example of an unintelligible designation of a man's calling. The census commissioners cite no fewer than a hundred names of occupations of the people which are stated to be in common use, and yet are such that all probability an ordinary educated man would know at most but one or two, and often would not know a single one. Sometimes, when he might fancy that the term gave some clue, he would find, we are told on inquiry, that the supposed clue was completely misleading. As specimens we may note the following: All-rounder, barber, blabber, black picker, bomb-sticker, branner, budget-trimmer, bulldog-burner, button-cup, can-breaker, checker, crutcher, dasher, doctor-maker, doker, drier, eggger, faster, flat-keeper, fluke, idle back-maker, impression-maker, keel-buller, lurer, maiden-maker, off-borer, olive man, orange-raiser, pony-sticker, ransacker, sand-bagger, spragger, sprizzer, toother, trowler, walk-flatter, westernman, wheel-glutter, whinder, driver and whistler.—*London Daily News.*

WHICH IS THE WORSE?

A little girl came in her night clothes very early one morning to her mother, saying: "Which is the worse, mamma, to tell a lie or to steal?" The mother, taken by surprise, replied that both were so bad that she couldn't tell which was the worse. "Well," said the little one, "I've been thinking a good deal about it, and I think it is worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing, you can take it back, unless you've eaten it. But if you have eaten it you can pay for it. But—there was a look of awe in the little face—"a lie is forever."—*Children's Paper.*

DOG STORIES.

A correspondent of the *London Spectator* writes: A wise old dog with whom I have the privilege to associate, was, two or three days ago, lying asleep in her basket at the fire. I entered the room with my hat on, and invited her to join me in a walk but, after looking at me for a moment, as canine politeness required, she dropped back among her cushions, obviously replying: "Thank you very much, but I prefer repose." Thereupon I observed, in a clear voice, "I am going on the road (a promenade disliked by the dogs, because the walls on either side restrict the spirit of scientific research); I am going up the mountain." Instantly my little friend jumped up, shook her ears, and, with a cheerful bark, announced herself as ready to join the party. Beyond doubt or question Colleen had understood the word "road" or the word "mountain," or both, and determined her proceedings accordingly. Nothing in my action showed, or could show, the meaning of my words.

If any of your readers who have resided for some weeks or months in a country where a language is spoken entirely different of their own—say Arabic, or Basque, or Welsh—will recall of how many words they insensibly learn the meaning without asking it, and merely by hearing them always used in certain relations, they will have I think, a fair measure of the extent and nature of a dog's knowledge of the language of his masters. My dog has lived for years in the world than I have passed in Wales, but he knows just about as much English as I know Welsh, and has acquired it just in precisely the same way.

A remarkable instance of the effect which can be produced upon a dog by the human voice was related to me yesterday, writes another correspondent. Some of your correspondents would consider it confirmatory of their notion that dogs have mind enough to understand words; but I myself rather believe that the sound of the voice acts upon the feelings of dumb animals just as instrumental music acts upon us. The story is as follows:

A clergyman had for a long time a dog, and no other domestic animal. He and his servant made a great pet of the dog. At last, however, the minister took to keeping a few fowls, and the servant fed them. The dog showed himself very jealous and of humor at this, and when Sunday came round, and he was left alone, he took the opportunity to kill and bury two hens. A claw half uncovered betrayed what he had done. His master did not beat him, but took hold of him, and talked to him most bitterly, most severely.

"You've been guilty of the sin of murder, sir—and on the Sabbath day, too; and you a clergyman's dog, taking a mean advantage of my absence!" etc.

He talked on and on for a long time, in the same serious and reproachful strain.

Early the next morning the master had to leave home for a day or so, and he did so without speaking a word of kindness to the dog, because he said he wished him to feel himself in disgrace. On his return the first thing he was told was—

"The dog is dead. He never ate nor drank after you had spoken to him; he just lay and pined away, and he died an hour ago."

CHANFRAU AND SALVINI.

The following is told by an aged actor about Mr. Frank Chanfrau:

The comedian arrived in St. Louis one Saturday morning, in readiness to open his engagement there on Monday night. Salvini, the tragedian, was just finishing a week's engagement, and Chanfrau went to see him act. The members of both companies were staying at the same hotel and met at dinner that evening. Mr. Chanfrau and his wife sat at the table next to Salvini, and facing him. Mr. Chanfrau was just eating his soup when his wife, with the characteristic tact of her sex, said in a whisper to her husband:

"Frank, you ought to say something to him."

"What shall I say," whispered Mr. Chanfrau.

"Say 'I want to see you this afternoon.'"

"I want to see you this afternoon," said Mr. Chanfrau, in a loud voice.

Salvini, who knows no English, bowed and smiled graciously.

"I cannot express my admiration," whispered Mrs. Chanfrau.

Mr. Chanfrau repeated in a loud voice, "I was delighted," prompted his wife.

"I was delighted," shouted his husband. Just at this moment Mrs. Chanfrau discovered that Mr. Chanfrau was distributing a spoonful of soup over his countenance.

"Wipe off your chin," she whispered.

"Wipe off your chin," shouted Mr. Chanfrau.

There was no more dinner that day. Mr. Chanfrau afterward told his wife that, when he did not know his part, he would not get her to prompt him again.

WHAT THEY AGREED TO GIVE UP.

A poor woman in the village had lost her husband, and had nothing left to live upon, and five children.

All the little Harpers were very sorry when they heard their mother's tale.

"How can we help?" said Janie, the eldest. "We've no money at all."

Mrs. Harper smiled and said, "No, you have no money, but if you would like to give up some of your pleasures, you could earn some."

"How, mother?"

"You might give up having sugar in your tea, for one thing."

"But it's so nasty without, mother."

"Well, perhaps you can think of something else. All of you go into the garden for half an hour, and come and tell me what you fix upon."

Off ran Janie and Harry and Sybil and wee Johnnie, hand in hand, and walked solemnly round the garden for just half an hour. When the clock struck twelve, they ran in again, better-skinner.

"Well," said the mother.

Janie spoke:

"We've thought of everything all round, mother, and, if you please, we should like to give up our lessons!"

But that mother could not agree to.—*Philadelphia Call.*

We realize the worth of a fortune when we have gained it; that of a friend, when we have lost him.

OUR TEETH.

This is a topic too rarely discussed in the general literature of this enlightened age, and there are not many upon which our personal happiness more depends. Why do my teeth decay? What shall I do to prevent it? are inquiries that come to the dentist very often; and the fact that these questions are asked is ample proof that there is a lack of knowledge in regard to the nature, cause and prevention of the loss of our precious teeth. It is the object of this article to explain these, so far as the writer is able.

Our teeth are composed largely of lime salts (the phosphate and carbonate of lime) and the decay of the tooth is simply the dissolving of these salts of lime in the presence of an acid. Our teeth may be perfectly formed, hard and strong, but when an acid comes in contact with them the enamel cannot resist its persistent action and cavities are soon formed. Other causes aid in carrying on the work thus begun, these are of only secondary importance and will be considered at some future time.

Now let us see how acids get at our teeth, and what we must do to prevent it. We take food into our mouths—particles of it collect about our teeth. If not soon removed, at the temperature of the month, the starch and sugar that it necessarily contains are decomposed, and the decay of the substances set acids free which at once attack and devour the teeth rapidly or slowly—according to its strength, density of tooth structure, etc. In short, the one main cause of decay is lack of cleanliness, and to wholly prevent it absolute cleanliness must be acquired and constantly maintained; and to do this requires a thorough cleansing of the month and teeth upon rising in the morning, after each meal and upon retiring at night. The usual manner of brushing the teeth is to pass the brush across them. This keeps the broad, exposed surfaces comparatively clean; but our teeth seldom decay in these places even if not brushed at all, but in the nooks between them and in the little crevices in the grinding surfaces, and brushing as above mentioned only removes the debris to the inter-spaces where it will do most harm.

Now to clean the teeth thoroughly, first use a quill tooth pick (a gold pick makes a very pretty ornament and wooden ones do very well, but for real usefulness nothing equals the flexible, pen-shaped point of a quill). Having removed all food wedged between now take a brush, tooth powder and water; close the edges of the front teeth together and brush them briskly upwards and downwards all the way round; pass the brush from the front backwards if you like, but finish by brushing up and down, that the brush may enter the spaces between the teeth and remove whatever is collected there; brush well against the gums, leave no cause for decay at this very sensitive part of the tooth; treat the inner surfaces of the tooth in the same manner; use a good tooth powder and water freely and do not slight a tooth—no matter how far back. Make it your object to reach with your brush every spot on each tooth, even the back surface of the most posterior, and particularly the inner surfaces of the lower front teeth—as tartar is very likely to collect there. Now cleanse with the brush the upper surface of the tongue, well back; particles of food decomposing upon its fatty surface may cause a bad breath and taint an otherwise clean month. If you have the time and will take the pains, pass the silk between all the teeth, a little beneath the gums. This will remove whatever pick and brush may not have reached.

Lastly, take into the mouth a bit of bicarbonate of soda, (about the size of a large bean); let it dissolve, force it between and all about your teeth. This will neutralize any acidity that may be lingering in any part of the month. All this can be done in two or three minutes' time, and one who has never tried so thorough a method cannot but be pleased with the sense of comfort and cleanliness the month will enjoy. There are many who cannot, and more who will not, devote so much time and attention to their teeth. If they would give them thorough care twice a day, or even once, (rather than not at all) good results are sure to follow. Try it, and once the habit is formed it will be a pleasure rather than the irksome task it may at first seem.

If in using tooth-pick or brush you find sharp or sensitive places upon the teeth, or a rough surface upon a filling, consult your dentist. The former condition may indicate a cavity, the beginning of one or a fracture of the enamel. The latter shows a disintegration of the filling, or a lack of nicety in the finish of the work. Have your teeth examined by a competent dentist twice a year; oftener, if anything unfavorable presents itself. By so doing you will economize in every respect; but little will need to be done each time. You will find it less painful and vastly better for the preservation of the teeth. If ladies would take as tender care of their teeth as of their hair or complexion, they would be doing more to make themselves charming. Brushes and tooth-powders are expensive, and knowing how to make a good use of them no one is excusable for having an unclean mouth or a foul breath that comes from it. It is true that an impure breath comes from other causes, but in a large majority of cases it is the directly neglected teeth; and what will go further to make a person attractive than a sweet breath and beautiful teeth? And even if we cannot make our teeth beautiful by reason of defect in their present condition, can we not elevate our standard of purity and carry about us this for a proof that we believe cleanliness to be next to Godliness.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 29, 1884.

Chicago captures the Democratic national convention, which will be held in that city July 8.

Ex-Gov. Richard D. Hubbard of Connecticut died at Hartford yesterday morning, at the age of 65 years.

Last week's conference of Independents in New York results in the appointment of committees to perfect an organization throughout the country.

The county treasurer's office in Springfield is to be moved down stairs, in consequence of the recent burglary. That will amount to nothing as a measure of security, however, unless it is also arranged that the treasurer shall not be left alone in the room.

Wm. H. Hunt, our minister to Russia, died at St. Petersburg, Wednesday, from dropsy. Mr. Hunt was formerly judge of the court of claims at Washington, was made secretary of the navy by President Garfield, and upon the reorganization of the cabinet by President Arthur was made minister to Russia.

Over 5000 people shook hands with Gov. Robinson at his public reception last Friday. We suspect that the hand-shaking was something of a bore to the governor, but the visitors enjoyed it so much that they will very likely expect to celebrate Washington's birthday in a similar manner every year in the future.

The Ohio Senate must be a remarkable body, even for a Democratic one, judging from this astonishing resolution, which is reported to have passed that body last Friday:

"Whereas, This being the 29th day of February, and the birthday of the Father of our Country, and the birthday of the United States, General George Washington, and also having been set apart as a National holiday; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Senate, instead of taking a recess at noon, that it adjourn until 10 o'clock on Tuesday next, and that the day be kept as a half-day during the day in commemoration of this day."

Gov. Robinson approves of Insurance Commissioner Tarbox's course in revoking the authority of a Philadelphia insurance company to do business in this state, and tells him so in a letter which has been published. The governor don't be entitled to a man whatever credit he may be given, because he happens to belong to the opposite political party. In this respect, as well as in many others, his course is in marked contrast to that of his immediate predecessor.

There is quite a push for increased salaries at the state house, and the Legislature has passed a bill increasing the compensation of the secretary of state from \$2500 to \$3000. This will encourage others to go in for an advance, and the Legislature cannot be too careful in its consideration of these matters. The people will not be pleased to see salaries made larger. The Fitchburg registry bill has passed both branches. Next Tuesday the House will vote on the bill, and the House will likely be defeated, as the members seem to be determined not to give the people a chance to vote on the question.

The Springfield school committee has decided to introduce sewing into two of the city schools, and to recommend its introduction in all. It is taught in the schools of Boston, New Bedford and some other cities with great success, and will doubtless be taught in the schools generally before many years. The proper use of needle and scissors, in making and repairing garments, is an accomplishment which two few girls of the present day possess, and many of them will never learn it at home. And while the girls are learning sewing at school, the boys should also be given a chance at some useful work—the use of the saw, hammer and chisel for instance.

When a medical college gets so hard up for subjects for the dissecting table that it receives direct from the hands of murderers the bodies of their victims, bearing unmistakable evidence of the crime, and puts them away in the pickle vats without question, it would seem that medical science is being pursued at a fearful cost. Yet this is what the Ohio Medical College has done. A colored man, his wife and girl were murdered at Avondale, O., last Friday night by a couple of men who were anxious to furnish the college with "cadavers." The skulls of the victims were fractured, but the college authorities received them promptly, paying \$15 apiece for them, and then denied all knowledge of their whereabouts until the excitement ran so high they dared not do so longer. Allen Ingalls, one of the murderers, has made a full confession, and acknowledges having stolen several bodies from a cemetery which he sold to the college. Some may question which are the more guilty, the ignorant fellows who in their greed committed murders at \$15 a head, or the intelligent and educated professors who encouraged, if they did not practically instigate the crime, by agreeing to pay for the promised bodies and receiving them without question. At any rate there should be a rigid examination into the college methods of obtaining bodies, and sharp punishment for any violation of the laws.

A woman at Chicago was followed to her room at the Palmer House the other day by a man who had seen her make a purchase in a store. He pushed her inside the door, locked it, and after choking her, chloroformed her and escaped with \$200 in cash and a check for a like amount.

The body of Salmi Morse, the author of the "Passion Play," was found in the river at New York last Friday, the appearances indicating a suicide. Despondency caused by business affairs, and a failure to produce his play, is said to have been the cause.

A young lady at North Salem, instead of getting scared when she heard some one wandering about the house at midnight, went and asked him to depart. As the invitation was accompanied by a loaded gun, he complied.

Tuesday morning a terrible explosion of dynamite took place in the Victoria railway station at London, Eng. Seven men were hurt, the roof of the station blown off and much other damage done to surrounding property.

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Have pity on the man whose birthday comes to-day—he can't have another for four years.

This is bound to be a mucky year—for us—as most of the legal holidays come on Friday, our publication day.

Did you tell your little boy about Washington and his hatchet last Friday? asks an exchange. No, we didn't. Ours are both girls.

Economy is the road to wealth, it is said. That may all be, but there are lots of passengers by that route who never see the end of the line.

The shriek of "Pleasant weather again," went up from several of our exchanges last Friday. Where is it? We'd like to see a little before we forget what it is like.

Up to the scratch—a barbed wire.—Exchange.

Very pointed, that.—Worcester West Chronicle.

What a barb-orous joke.

Before accepting any proposal which you may chance to have this year, young men, just find out whether the girl is capable of supporting you or not. Turn about is fair play, you know.

Campbell says he has a strong prejudice against theatrical and operatic stars, and thinks they get too much money. Guess he must have been buying a ticket to some big show on an opening night.

"Do you want mamma to buy you a cake, Johnnie?" asked a fond mother as the refreshment vender came through the car. "No, I don't," said Johnnie. "Why not?" "Cause they're poison." "Oh, I guess not." "Yes, they are, I heard the fellow say 'Sandwiches, pizen cakes,' when he came in."

Why don't the citizens of those flooded Western towns follow the example of that ancient mariner, Noah, and build their houses after the manner of an ark? Then when the floods came they would be all right; let go the anchor and live right on just as if nothing had happened until the water went down again. It seems as though they might "tumble to the racket" after three or four years' floods—but perhaps they never heard of Noah.

The Milford Journal, which is nearly 34 years old, and but three months younger than this paper, announces that it has discovered a man who has been a constant reader for 28 years. Great Scott! is that all? And only 28 years! Say, Brother Cook, if you'll come up here a short time we'll guarantee you an average of three men a day who have taken our paper "over thirty-five years," and any quantity who have taken it "ever since it was first started."

A prosperous western farmer appeared at North Weare, N. H., a few days ago, looking for his former wife and the man who ran away with her some eight years ago. He said that when the fellow ran away with the woman he did him the greatest favor he had ever received, and he wanted to see him in order to thank him for it. He found the couple happy, contented, and with a baby in the family, and after a short chat returned to his farm in the west as happy as could be.

A physician of Brentwood, Tenn., has sued James Hill of the same place for \$200 damages "all on account of Eliza." It seems the physician gave Hill a horse and buggy, new hat, etc., and commissioned him as best man to go to a neighboring town and return with a widow whom the M. D. was to marry. Hill went, but married the woman himself, and now the physician wants the above-named sum to apply as a balm to his wounded feelings.

For some time the manager of the skating rink at Marlboro has employed two men, one a slack rope performer and the other a clown, to give exhibitions at the rink. They were great favorites in town and made the acquaintance of many, and the result has been the issuing of 28 warrants for illegal liquor selling, the acrobats proving to be paid spotters.

A Kingston, N. Y., jury was given a case at 6 o'clock a few nights ago, and after a discussion until midnight, failed to agree, there being almost as many different views as there were jurymen. At last one old man said "Let us pray," and after a prayer and a few passages of Scripture a verdict was soon agreed upon.

Henry Ely, a man 30 years of age, and who has been mildly insane for several years, killed John Hardin at East Granby, Ct., last Friday. Hardin was washing at a bucket in the barn when Ely crept stealthily up behind him, seized a sharp axe and nearly severed his head from his body at one blow.

A child weighing only one pound was recently born at Long Branch, N. J. It was healthy, and the doctor thought it would live, but it caught cold a few days ago and died. The mother has had twelve children, one of which, a little girl of two years, does not weigh ten pounds.

An Ohio judge has decided that marriages made while the parties were slaves are not legal, as the slaves, being property, could not make legal contracts. Hence a negro who had a wife while a slave is at liberty to marry again.

The jewelry and diamond store of Emmanuel Marks, at Troy, N. Y., was broken into last Saturday night, his safe broken open, and diamonds, money, eighty gold watches, jewelry, etc., to the amount of \$50,000 stolen.

A muss has been stirred up in a church at Hobboken, N. J., on account of a color-blind sexton, who on account of his defective vision allowed a colored person to be buried in that part of the cemetery used exclusively for whites.

The Uniontown Hotel block at Jackson, Mich., containing the hotel, theater and several stores, was burned early Sunday morning. One man was burned to death, and four fatally and one severely injured.

LOCAL NOTICES.

S. H. Hellyar & Co. are now having very extensive sales in kid gloves. Their three-button five-cent gloves are equal to any one dollar glove in the market. They are also selling an exceptionally fine mousseline kid at \$1. All the spring shades can be found in above. A full line of Jerseys in black and colors just received.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Snow.

Lots of it.

Hard wheeling.

Good sleighing.

How are you, Lent?

Slightly windy to-day.

Winter weather again.

Clean off your sidewalks.

The worst day this winter.

Local politics are booming.

Don't try to borrow, because—

March will come in like a lion.

Only 2^d above zero this morning.

Going to vote "Yes," or "No?"

To-day is the extra day of the year.

How do you like the weather, anyhow?

Communion at the churches next Sunday.

The fish markets will do a good business now.

Town meeting two weeks from next Monday.

Going to have a sleigh-ride before this snow goes?

H. M. Rogers, the lawyer, has given up his office here, and returned to Worcester.

As town meeting time draws near many a man is calculating his chance of election or reelection.

Be careful and not leave your clothes hanging out on the line over night, as clothes thieves are about.

Rev. Mr. Hunter will preach on "The Growth of Christianity" at the Congregational church next Sunday.

The state of the sidewalks to-day are not calculated to induce a person to make a great many religious remarks.

Dr. A. B. Cowan, who now has dental rooms over this office, is soon to open an office in Barton's Block, at Monson.

F. M. Coleman takes the place in Fosket & Holbrook's meat store made vacant by the sudden death of O. B. Richardson.

Seven new members will be taken into the Congregational church next Sunday—say by profession of faith and one by letter.

Dr. Simonsen, chiropodist, arrives at the Nassawann House this afternoon. His advertisement will be found in another column.

The young people of the Congregational Society hold a social at the residence of J. S. Holden on North Main street this evening.

John Conway of Three Rivers had his leg badly broken by a falling rail while at work on the New London Northern Railroad south of this place on Monday.

The new dentist who engaged the rooms recently occupied by Dr. Gates, did not seem to fall in love with the town, and so packed up and returned home after about a week's stay.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Young Men's Library association will be held at the library rooms next Monday evening at 7.30. All members are requested to be present.

William Merriam, formerly of this place, but now of Springfield is to return to Palmer in a few weeks, and will occupy the house of Mrs. Lawrence on Pleasant street, between Central and Church streets.

Friends and neighbors to the number of over 100 made a surprise visit to Conductors Sedgwick on Monday evening. An elegant sofa and about \$80 in money was left with him when they departed after a very pleasant time.

The band ball on Tuesday evening was not so great a financial success as the managers had hoped for, owing to the stormy day and evening. They were, however, enabled to clear about \$10, and all present enjoyed a good time.

That the JOURNAL is appreciated is shown by the fact that one subscriber, and he living at Brooklyn, N. Y., has paid his subscription up to the first of April, 1887, and we have quite a number who have paid almost as far in advance.

The roller skating rink will be open again at Wales Hall to-morrow afternoon and evening. A week from to-morrow there will probably be some extra attraction at the rink in the evening, in the shape of races, etc., but the programme is not yet fully decided upon.

We are always very thankful to any of our readers who will send us any item of interest they may happen to know. It is not necessary that it should be written out for publication. If you do not feel that you can do so, just write the facts, etc., and send them to us.

The snow of Tuesday afternoon stuck to the trees and telegraph and telephone wires, covering them with a coating of about an inch in thickness, and giving the village the appearance of a fairy scene on Wednesday morning. Some of the trees looked very beautiful in their fleecy covering.

If rain was what was needed, then the want was supplied last Saturday, as it commenced falling early in the day, and continued until nearly night, when the atmosphere suddenly changed to cold, and the breeze which ensued made the roads very rough, and rendered Sunday riding anything but comfortable.

Is it to be license or no-license in this town next year? It is safe to say that the liquor sellers are not pleased with the manner in which the law has been enforced the past year, and will do their level best to have the town vote in favor of license the coming year. If the temperance people expect to keep the town in the no-license columns, they must be bestirring themselves, or they will be badly "left."

The snow storm which raged fast and furious all day Tuesday gave us about six inches of snow, but the roads were so soft and muddy when it came that the

sleighing was not improved a great deal. Yesterday morning the snow commenced to fall again in large flakes, and so fast and thick did it come that fully twelve inches fell before night, making splendid sleighing once more. The wind of to-day is fast drifting up the roads, besides making it exceedingly uncomfortable for man or beast to be out of doors.

It is believed that the forenoon express train to Boston, which has been talked of for some time, will be put on this spring, leaving this station about 9.30 and reaching Boston at noon. It was hoped that the return trip would be made in the middle of the afternoon, to accommodate people in this section who would oftentimes visit Springfield in the afternoon if they could take a train about 8 o'clock. But the plan seems to be to make the train an accommodation on its return trip, leaving Boston at 7.30 p. m., and arriving in Springfield at about 11 o'clock.

DISTRICT COURT.

Daniel Connors made up his mind to have a little praise meeting of his own Sunday afternoon, and concluded to hold it at the house of Patrick Watts on Dublin street, where he opened the exercises by singing, dancing, whistling, kicking things around, etc. On Monday morning he attempted to hold a protracted meeting, with the same order of service, and ended by taking Mr. Watts (not the author of Watts' hymns) by the throat, who thought this was a little too much of a good thing and called in an officer, who took Connors before the "pow-ers that be," where the contribution box was passed to him, and he required to deposit \$9.73 therein.

The case of Billings Pease of Monson against Switzer Bros. of the same place was this week decided in favor of the defendants. Pease had a heifer which he wished to sell for beef, and Switzer Bros. agreed to take it, Pease to dress and deliver the animal. Not getting experienced help at the butchering, the meat was delivered in a condition unfit for food, and the marketmen refused to accept it, whereupon Pease brought suit for his pay. The case was appealed to the higher court.

On Thursday the billiard rooms under the Nassawann House were searched, but no liquor found. Edward King, the keeper thereof, was arrested however, on a charge of keeping a common nuisance. He says he is not guilty, and the case will be tried next Monday.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

Miss Jennie Powers starts Saturday for Worcester, where she will spend a month visiting friends.

Valentines are all the rage with "some." Old and young go out of town to mail them to their neighbors.

BELCHERTOWN.

There was a citizens' caucus at the town hall Wednesday evening.

An entertainment was given at the town hall Thursday evening by scholars of the high school, for the benefit of the school, consisting of the drama "Bread on the Waters," music, tableaux, recitations, and the farce "The Fellow that Looks Like Me."

THORNDIKE.

A new steam whistle has taken the place of the bell that was destroyed in the fire at the New Mill Jan. 1st.

Considerable meanness is manifest among the employees of the Thorndike Company at the probability of continuing on short time for the next month.

Rev. F. B. Joy of Three Rivers occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday. The communion service will be observed next Sunday at the close of the afternoon session.

BRIMFIELD.

Rev. S. V. McDuffie preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last. In the evening he gave an account of his new field of labor, and the work to be done. He and his family left on Monday with the best wishes of all.

The closing ball of the dancing school of J. L. Bacon is to be at the town hall on Friday evening, March 7th, music by Bacon and Kenfield's orchestra. As the board of managers includes the whole number of male pupils one can find fault, unless it be those ladies who are for equal rights in municipal affairs.

WILBRAHAM.

The Congregationalists are to have a festival Sunday.

E. H. Brewer left for a pleasure trip to Florida on Monday.

Philo holds the last open society of the year in Fisk Hall this evening.

The winter term of Wesleyan Academy will close with a social interview in Fisk Hall Tuesday evening.

The classes in gymnastics at the Academy will give a public exhibition in Fisk Hall to-morrow evening under the charge of Prof. Chas. H. Raymond.

"Poultry" is the subject for discussion at the next meeting of the Farmers' club. At the last meeting J. C. Cooley showed that for a series of 12 years on a farm, horses were far more profitable than oxen.

The cost of keeping oxen was shown to be nearly as much as that of horses, and the general opinion of the meeting was for horses for a farm team.

WARREN.

Rev. S. P. Wilder exchanged with Rev. Mr. Forbes last Sabbath.

The Ladies Home Missionary society met with Mrs. A. L. Converse Wednesday evening.

A party of young people visited the skating rink at North Brookfield Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee gave a reception last Thursday to their friends, and to the band, of which he is a member, Saturday evening.

Miss Harding of Westfield, teacher of mathematics in the Normal school, spoke before the teachers at their meeting Tuesday evening.

Dr. J. W. Hastings enjoyed a very pleasant surprise one evening by the ladies belonging to his Sabbath school class coming in, bringing refreshments, and presenting him with a silver ice pitcher and goblet.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Dr. Fox will preach at the Chapel Sunday at 5 o'clock p. m. He was detained on account of illness last Sunday.

C. L. Houghton of Springfield, traveling salesman for Cutler & Co., is suffering from

a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. The Ladies' society met with Mrs. E. H. Cutler Wednesday, and Mrs. J. A. Parker and Mrs. E. W. Wall provided for the entertainment.

About 75 shares in the new missionary ship "Morning Star" will be taken by the members of the Sunday school. The shares are 25 cents each, and certificates may be obtained from S. E. Baker.

The seventh annual meeting of Grace Chapel parish occurs to-morrow evening at 7.15 o'clock. The matter of providing a gas machine for the Chapel will be acted upon, and a good attendance is desired.

The village schools under the direction of Misses Bliss and Brewer netted \$25 by their exhibition at Liberty Hall last Friday night. They will procure apparatus to be used in the schools. The children deserve great credit for the thorough and satisfactory manner in which they acquitted themselves, and the teachers received the encouragement which they so richly merited.

WALLES.

The recent rains have raised the ponds considerable.

Colonel Baker comes out with a jack to use in dilling heavy wagons. This is of his own origin and is pronounced by those who have examined it as a wonderful machine. He will doubtless apply for a patent.

One of the oldest ladies in town, Mrs. Sally Moulton, widow of Horace Moulton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erasmus Shaw, Feb. 15, at the age of 93 years. She was able to read and sew with ease, and was a very smart, and her mind was as clear up to the last as ever. She was married at the age of 23, and had reared nine children, five of whom are now living, the youngest being now 50 years of age.

Erasmus D. Shaw died at his home last Saturday at the age of 63 years. He was born in the same house where he died, and has always lived there. He has been a faithful servant to the public, having for 32 consecutive years carried the mail from Wales to Brimfield daily, and for the last ten years twice daily. For 30 years he seldom missed a trip himself, but for the last two years his health has been poor and part of the time he has had a driver. No man could have been more faithful; rain or snow he always went through, and when the horses all had the epizootic he carried the mail on foot. He was kind and obliging, and will be greatly missed all along the route.

Chas. Armstrong and family are visiting friends in Vermont.

O. B. Smith has purchased a live driving horse of T. Trussell of Thorndike.

Several from this village attended the Sabbath school convention at Springfield.

Miss C. E. Proctor has resigned her position in our school, having accepted a better position in Worcester county.

They do say that one of our constables was taking in that fight last Monday morning from the back yard. Can it be possible?

With the mill only running half time business is rather quiet in the village, but we are in hopes to see it start up in full the first of the month.

Rev. B. McKenney is about putting in glass windows into his church. He will expend about a thousand dollars in improving the interior.

A. M. Bond of Thorndike is about to close his store and tin shop in this place, and C. B. Page, who has had charge of the business, will return to Thorndike. He will be greatly missed, especially by the Sons of Temperance, with whom he has been an efficient worker.

Names of scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy during the winter term of the Bondsville intermediate school: Nellie Sullivan, Viola Packard, John Dowd, Katie Moriarty, Johnnie Leonard. Viola Packard has had no mark of absence or tardiness for the past three terms.

The Bondsville grammar school closed Feb. 21st. There were forty-one scholars during the term, twenty-nine of whom were not tardy. At the beginning of the term prizes were offered to the three having the highest rank in scholarship and deportment among the girls, and also to the three highest among the boys. These prizes were taken by Gertrude Smith, Mamie Wood, Lottie Talmage, James Donahue, William Brown and Maurice Moriarty. Mr. Miner, who has so successfully taught the school during the past two terms, and who by his urbanity and his interest in every good work has gained the confidence and respect of the entire community resigns his position, so that he may pursue his studies at Rochester, N. Y.

An Indiana man who was summoned as a witness in a murder case, made up his mind that suicide was preferable to assisting in condemning a murderer, and accordingly went and hung himself.

Dr. Lange, the distinguished German divine who was reported to have drowned himself recently, is still alive and performing his work. The report arose from a confusion of names.

Six little stowaways, from 8 to 13 years old, recently arrived at San Francisco from Liverpool on a sailing vessel. They said they came to the States to "earn fortunes as bootblacks."

Two men who had followed John Quitsch, a German machinist from Chicago, attacked him in a street car at New York last Saturday evening, and succeeded in robbing him of \$200.

A large henery, belonging to C. J. Quibny of White Plains, N. Y., was burned last Saturday night. Three hundred fowls, many of them worth \$30 a pair, were burned.

Wednesday, April 18, has been fixed upon as the date for George William Curtis's oration on Wendell Phillips before the city government of Boston.

A cat recently rode on one of the trucks of the fast train from New York to Syracuse. When taken off it was nearly frozen to death.

A Norwichee barber filled a customer's mouth with lather the other day and then slugged up to talk over the supposed Occum murder.

Joseph King, a Huntington Frenchman, was carried over the dam in the river at Russell last Friday morning and drowned.

possibly a town clock; at least it would seem wise to this arrange in case of need.

Letter's barber shop in Noble's block seems to be doing a good business, and has many customers that L. Deaver has taken, one chair to this accommodate the public. There has been some talk of purchasing the old Newton homestead by the town, as it adjoins the town hall lot, and arrange for larger grounds and possibly a school house, but Mr. E. P. Newton wisely concludes that as it is the birth-place of himself, his father, and the long-time residence of his grandfather, he prefers to keep the premises in reverence and veneration of former owners, and comfort for himself and family.

Henry W. Calkins, formerly of Monson and Palmer, and lately superintendent for D. G. Green on his West Stafford farm, was found dead on the road from Somers to his home last Saturday night. It seems as though foul play was practiced, as blood stains were found for nearly three miles from his body to the place where his hat was found, while one side of his carriage was splattered with blood, and an ugly wound marked the right temple and eye.

The masqueraders were scared because it was against the law, but the horses go attached to sleighs without bells, the Sunday papers are sold, the liverymen accommodate customers on Sunday, persons turn to the left with teams when the law requires them to turn to the right, billiard tables are run and mirrors are forbidden to play, older is sold at 30c per gallon and occasionally a man is heard to say that the weather is damp poor, and vendors of merchandise fail to get their scales sealed according to law, and ladies wear veils over their faces, thus making a temporary mask yet the morals of the town are on as fair an average as the majority of the no-license towns in the vicinity.

It has always been considered news to record a runaway, either of a faithless wife, a demoralized husband, or an unruly steed, yet during the quarter of a century your correspondent has sent items for the JOURNAL, he has never mentioned a runaway horse, for the reason that it might possibly injure the owner and would be of no especial benefit to the horse; but there are exceptions to the general rule, and the horse that carries the mail has the honor of the first honorable mention and is the cause of the breaking over of the ordinary rules as well as the breaking of the vehicle to which he was attached. The snow on the roof of the depot was an innocent, though perhaps inconspicuous agent in the comic performance, inasmuch as when it landed on the back of the horse it came unannounced and caused him to suddenly dart forward at a lively rate of speed, and being blinded either by the snow or some other cause, he rushed northwesterly, coming in contact with Merrick, Fay & Co.'s team wagon and clearing himself out to Grout's tenement house where he went down an offshoot, then through a piazza to the bulk-head, which broke in when his weight came upon it, and after a little exertion he was hauled out with an expression on his countenance which seemed to say "I can't see what all this is about." This horse is not for sale, although he came into the clutches of the cellar.

THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY'S FAIR. The First Universalist parish held last week its first, and by far the most successful fair ever given in town. The arrangements had been skillfully planned, energetically pushed, and distanced all expectations in the sum realized. The decorations were on an extensive and elaborate scale, evincing taste, harmony and beauty in their arrangement; and the frequent remark "the hall never looked so pretty" reflects the uniform favor with which they were received. First and foremost among the attractions were the large, courteous and merry throngs which filled the hall, representing all classes, conditions and creeds; sectarianism being relegated to the "sweet by and by," and all united in a general good time. The floral bower and the ladies bazaar were centers of attraction; while the post office, gypsy kettle, fortune teller, fruit stand and fishing pond, gracefully fringed the sides. Last but not least, the supper table vindicated Monson's claim to being generous caterers. The fortunate prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Willis for nearest guesses on a kettle of potatoes, while in the ride shooting, first prizes were taken by Miss Olive Needham and Mrs. Cook, and by Messrs. J. C. Flynn and F. Watts. The album quilt

